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BOARD MEETING

JULY 8, 1999

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BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, July 8, 1999

Chairman Bill Busbice presiding.

Danny Babin
Tom Kelly
Jerald Hanchey
Glynn Carver
Norman McCall

Secretary James Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Commissioner Tom Gattle was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **June 3, 1999 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Babin and seconded by Commissioner Carver. The motion passed with no opposition.

Donation for Mural at the Waddill Outdoor Education Center by the Coastal Conservation Association and the National Wild Turkey Federation was handled by Dr. Lyle Soniat. He asked Mr. Lane McCaffee of the Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation and Mr. Jeff Angers and Mr. Bill Bass of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) to come forward. Each organization contributed \$2,500 for murals to be painted by artist Vincent Darby. Dr. Soniat then added that the murals would be a wonderful addition that could serve as an educational tool displaying different species. He also expressed his appreciation for the support given to the Department. Mr. Angers, stated on behalf of the organization's members, they were pleased to be able to participate in furthering the educational mission of the Department and that of CCA. Mr. McCaffee stated on behalf of his organization, they are committed to conservation education for the youth as well as setting aside a certain percentage of their Superfund monies for educational purposes. Dr. Soniat again thanked both organizations for their support and stated they are still looking for donations from other

groups to finish the murals. Chairman Busbice expressed his appreciation.

Mr. Tommy Prickett stated he would handle the next two agenda items as one, the **Rule - 1999-2000 Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits** and the **Rule - Hunting and Wildlife Management Area Rules & Regulations**. The Notice of Intent was presented in March and since then public hearings have been held throughout the State with comments being accepted. Several changes in the rule have occurred due to these comments. Also, during the Legislative Session, several bills have passed that would require additional changes. Mr. Prickett then explained the proposals included changing the entry hour on a Wildlife Management Area to no earlier than 3:00 a.m. and a hunter must leave no later than 2 hours after sunset; establishing a statewide youth deer hunting weekend prior to the normal gun season in each deer area of the state (Areas 1, 4, 5 & 6 - November 6 & 7; Area 2 - October 23 & 24; and Areas 3 & 7 - October 2 & 3); hunters 60 and above can use a magnifying scope during muzzleloader only season; unmarked hogs has been added to the list of unregulated quadrupeds; and private inholdings surrounded by a WMA will have the same season dates as outside the WMA. A land swap has occurred through the legislative process between the Departments of Corrections and Wildlife and Fisheries and this will add approximately 2,000 acres to the Tunica Hills WMA. Mr. Prickett asked the Commission to act upon these changes if they were in favor of them. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the changes as presented. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Mr. Prickett then explained some of the more notable changes during this entire process. With regard to the statewide seasons, Area 2 deer season has been delayed by approximately one week; adding the statewide youth deer season; hunters 60 and above using magnifying scopes during muzzleloader season; unmarked hogs considered an unregulated quadruped; and a new still hunting area in northwest Washington Parish. Changes for the WMAs included: new entry hours from 3:00 a.m. until two hours after sunset; hunters will be required to have 400 square inches of hunter orange and an orange cap; no mooring of vessels that provides lodging for hire will be allowed on WMAs; designation of a camping area on Biloxi WMA; campers will be required to have a waste disposal system; and personal watercraft will be prohibited on all WMAs and refuges except for the lake at Alexander State Forest. Chairman Busbice asked what was meant by an operational waste disposal system. Commissioner Babin asked about prohibiting the use of personal

watercraft on the WMAs and how does this affect Pointe-au-Chien and Pass-a-Loutre Refuges. Mr. Prickett read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution that related to the resident season dates and bag limits. Commissioner McCall made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. The motion passed with no opposition. Then Mr. Prickett read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion for the statewide and WMA rules and regulations. Commissioner McCall made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Babin seconded the motion and it also passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolutions and Rules is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 8, 1999.

- WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and
- WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and
- WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of

resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1999 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit and methods of taking on Department operated wildlife management areas and the state at large for the period September 1, 1999 through August 31, 2000. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. A copy of this information is attached and made part of this rule.

For those interested, a copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request by contacting: Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1999-2000 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25: (July 1999).

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1999-2000

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 13-Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 2-Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 2-Feb. 13	8	16
Pheasant	Nov. 13-Jan. 31	2 (Cock Only)	4
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan.30	Nov.20-Dec. 5 Jan.10-Jan.23	Dec.11-Jan.9
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 30-Nov. 5 Jan. 15-Jan. 21	Nov. 6-Dec.10	Dec.11-Jan.14
3	Sept.18- Jan.18	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Dec. 13-Dec. 17	Oct.16-Dec.12 Dec.18-Jan. 2	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan.15-Jan.21	Nov.20-Jan.14	

5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan.15-Jan.21 (Bucks Only)	Nov.20-Nov.28	
6	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan. 30	Nov. 20-Dec.5	Dec.11-Jan.23
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Jan. 17-Jan. 23	Oct.16-Oct.31 Nov. 20-Dec.5	Dec.11-Jan.16

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Area	Basic Season Dates	Total Days	Exceptions (Those portions of the following parishes)
1	Nov.20-21, 26-28 Dec.4-5, 11-12, 18-19	11	Nov.20-21, 26-28 (Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell) Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles), Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5,11-12 (Grant and Rapides)
2	Nov.6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12	13	Nov.6-7, 26-28 (Caldwell, LaSalle) Nov.6-7, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles)
3	Oct.16-17, 23-24, Oct.30-31, Nov.6-7, 20-21, 26-28	13	Oct.16-17, Nov.20-21, Dec.11-12 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.20-21, 26-28 (except East Carroll)	5	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.4-5, 11-12 (East Carroll--That portion between the Mississippi River Levee and the Mississippi River)
5	None		
6	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.4-5, 11-12, 18-19	11	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)
7	Oct.16-17, Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12, 18-19	11	

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex	Muzzleloader
Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Dec. 6 Dec. 21-23 Dec. 26-Jan.31	Nov. 1-3 Dec. 21-23 Dec. 26-30	Dec. 7-20 (Either Sex)

F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

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Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 8, 1999.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting rules and regulations for the State and WMAs, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish regulations that govern public and private lands is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all information pertinent to the rule and regulations governing hunting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1999 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July does hereby ratify rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Seasons

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and 116 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries

Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire, muzzleloader rifle .36 caliber or smaller or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Blackbirds and crows. ALL blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered crop depredators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

4. Pheasant

a. Bag limit - 2 (males only). Possession limit - 4.

b. Pheasant season restricted to the following portion of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes: That portion west of Choupique Bayou south of U.S. 90 and La. 27, west of La. 27 to north boundary of Sabine NWR, north of Sabine NWR north boundary to Sabine River, east of Sabine River to Intracoastal waterway, south of Intracoastal waterway to Gum Cove, east of Gum Cove Road to La. 108, north and east of La. 108 from Gum Cove Road to U.S. 90, and south of U.S. 90 from Vinton to Choupique Bayou.

5. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until the last day of February. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

6. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

7. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow and muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is moved from the site of the kill. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in immediate cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

8. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

Hunting: In its different tenses and for purposes of this rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the regulations pamphlet.

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only.

d. Shooting Hours

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag Limit

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969 shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer or turkey. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of taking resident game birds and quadrupeds

a. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey and migratory game birds. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

b. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

6. Nuisance animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria and beaver cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required during open trapping season to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken.

7. Threatened and endangered species - Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon,

Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Unregulated quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, unmarked hogs where legal, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes and bobcats are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.

9. Hunting and/or discharging firearms on public roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights-of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

10. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow and muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

11. Sex identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the State of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is en route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its

possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically permitted.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise permitted.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

5. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

6. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

7. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is permitted in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and be fitted only with iron sights or non-magnifying scopes EXCEPT persons 60 years of age or older may use magnified scopes. This includes those muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Residents 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Point-au-Chien WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

(d). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared or laser sight.

11. Hunter orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a cap or a hat that is completely covered with hunter orange material in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not permitted by agreement of the landowner or lessee. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

13. Special Youth Deer Hunt. See regulations pamphlet for dates.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Catahoula, East Feliciana, St. Helena, Concordia, Franklin, Tensas, East Baton Rouge, Madison, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1.

ii. Caldwell - East of U.S. 165.

iii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La.

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iv. LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

v. Livingston - North of I-12.

vi. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of Red River.

vii. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

viii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

ix. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with La. 451.

ii. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

iii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi line to La. 10. North of

La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi line. South of Mississippi line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iv. Franklin - All

v. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

vi. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vii. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi line, south of the Mississippi line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also that portion of St. Tammany Parish north of La. 22 from U.S. 190 to La. 1077, east of La. 1077 northward to junction with U.S. 190, south and west of U.S. 190 from La. 1077 to junction with La. 22. Also, that portion of Washington Parish south of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River, eastward to the Bogue Chitto River, west of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 10 southward to St. Tammany Parish. Also that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi state line

southward to La. 38, then west to the Tangipahoa parish line, north along the parish line to the Mississippi state line then east to La. 25.

viii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Jackson, Union, Bossier, Lincoln, Webster, Caddo, Natchitoches, Winn, Claiborne, Red River, DeSoto, Sabine.

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - North of U.S. 190 east of Reeves and east of La. 113.

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Beauregard - East of La. 113. Also, west of La. 27 north to DeRidder and south and east of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iv. Calcasieu - West of La. 27 north of Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

v. Caldwell - West of U.S. 165.

vi. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south

of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

vii. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

viii. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

ix. LaSalle - All EXCEPT south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

x. Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

xi. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

xii. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 113 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

xiii. Vernon - East and south of La. 113, north and east of La. 465, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

iv. Vernon - East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to La. 465, east and north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 north to DeRidder and north and west of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - East of La. 27 north of Sulphur and south of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

i. All deer hunting is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Plaquemines, St. John, Assumption, Pointe Coupee, St. Martin, Iberville, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lafourche, St. James, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - South of La. 1 and also that portion east of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

d. Still hunting only in all of the following parishes:

i. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

ii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iii. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

iv. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake

Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

v. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

7. Area 7

a. The following parish is open: Terrebonne.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open: Iberia and St. Mary Parishes - South of La. 14 and west U.S. Hwy. 90.

G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering upon a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 3:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. Hunters must exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt according to the regular season dates applicable to

the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF regional office for additional information.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.

i. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region Office.

j. Burning of marshes is prohibited except by permit.

k. Nature trails. Access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

l. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

m. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations, includes both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

n. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

2. Permits

a. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

b. Self Clearing Permits. On WMAs where Self Clearing Permits are required, all hunters must obtain a WMA Self Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's hunt on the day of the hunt. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each hunter while hunting and MUST be completed and put in a permit box AFTER each day's hunt on the day of the hunt unless otherwise specified. A vehicle tag will also be associated with the Self Clearing Permit and must be displayed in the vehicle while on the WMA.

c. Wild Louisiana Stamp. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, shall be required to possess one of the following: a Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth deer hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate region office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

b. Handicapped Season. For hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit only. Participants must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons.

c. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact region offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

d. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at Self Clearing station. Contact Region Offices for more details. Consult separate Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

e. Trapping. Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at appropriate offices when required. Consult Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the Region Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days at region offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office.

f. Raccoon hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - Season dates for specific WMAs are for nighttime raccoon hunting and permits may be required. There will be no bag limit for raccoons at night unless specified in the annual regulations pamphlet. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the region office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of raccoon or all hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required,

may be obtained at region offices only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

g. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-Au-Chien WMAs EXCEPT shrimping allowed on Pointe-Au-Chien in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake during daytime only. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges. Commercial and recreational crawfishing on Sherburne WMA, South Farms, is by permit only. Permits available from the Opelousas Office or Sherburne WMA Headquarters. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

h. Sport fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador/Timken and Pointe-Au-Chien.

i. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, Evangeline and St. Helena parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries Region Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas.

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not permitted on WMAs during closed hunting seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting

ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not permitted on WMAs EXCEPT during regular archery season, turkey season or EXCEPT as permitted for bowfishing.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not permitted near WMA check stations.

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns, arms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads and trails or their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day, six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Consult the specific WMA for additional information. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting.

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

g. On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges, all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after sunset each day.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after sunset. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal, poles, wire, mesh, webbing or any materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after sunset. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are also prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.

m. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAS.

n. The use of horses and mules is prohibited for hunting or trapping on WMAs EXCEPT for quail hunting or EXCEPT as otherwise specified. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited

during gun seasons for deer and turkey and EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials on Sandy Hollow WMA.

o. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters as well as hunters participating during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

p. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open to either sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted or closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunters are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Muzzleloader season for deer. See WMA deer schedule.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is permitted only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times

of the year, mooring period is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for camping and overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre. Houseboat mooring permits are required for Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area. Permits may be obtained from headquarters on respective WMAs or from the New Iberia office for Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

c. Anyone camping on WMAs is required to have an operational waste disposal system attached to the camper, trailer, houseboat or other unit or a portable waste disposal unit to remove all human waste upon leaving the WMA camping area. Discharge of human waste on a WMA is prohibited. Additionally it is against both Federal and State law to discharge human waste into the waterways of Louisiana.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

h. Swimming prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. All oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting and bird dog

training when allowed, having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAS. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be held liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAS having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

b. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

c. Tractor implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles. ATV tires are restricted to those with maximum allowable tire pressure of 5 psi, as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

d. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexandria State Forest WMA.

e. No internal combustion engines permitted in certain Greentree reservoir.

f. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

g. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

h. Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps, except on Atchafalaya Delta WMA where ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles are prohibited. WMA maps available at all region offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

i. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 70 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also permitted to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

j. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

k. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition or construction.

l. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. All roads including trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through September 15 and from two hours after sunset to 3:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. ATV off-road travel is prohibited unless permitted by signs on trail. Walk-in only.

m. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

10. Wildlife Management Areas Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

11. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet.

12. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet.

13. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

14. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet.

16. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations:

a. Alexander State Forest. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

b. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

c. Attakapas. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

d. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

e. Bayou Pierre. No ATVs or ATCs allowed on the area. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on parish roads and roads marked on WMA map.

f. Bens Creek. All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. No hunting in restricted areas. (See WMA Map). Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

g. Big Colewa Bayou. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Refer to WMA map for location of designated trails. All other motorized vehicles prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited.

- h. Big Lake. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.
- i. Biloxi
- j. Bodcau
- k. Boeuf. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.
- l. Boise-Vernon. Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.
- m. Buckhorn. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.
- n. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. All game harvested must be reported.
- o. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.
- p. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.
- q. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special regulations apply to ATV users.
- r. Georgia-Pacific. EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.
- s. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas Region Office. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.
- t. Jackson-Bienville. ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited March 1 through September 15.

u. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

v. Lake Boeuf

w. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

x. Little River. Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

y. Loggy Bayou

z. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

aa. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ab. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay and Northshore Bay oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

ac. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a fee.

ad. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

ae. Pointe-au-Chien. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open during opening weekend of the second split of dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue. Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department.

af. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ag. Red River. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Crawfishing prohibited on Wetland Restoration Areas.

ah. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

ai. Sabine

aj. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

ak. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans Region Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

al. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. No motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

am. Sherburne. Crawfishing: permits required, for South Farms from Area Headquarters. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area. No commercial activity on ANWR, except trapping.

an. Sicily Island Hills. Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ao. Soda Lake. Entire area is walk-in only - no motorized vehicles allowed. Access into the area is allowed only from south end of the area off of Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

ap. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

aq. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

ar. Three Rivers. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

as. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATV's restricted to designated trails. Driving on

food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area. North of Highway 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the public EXCEPT during open hunting season.

at. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

au. West Bay. Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

av. Wisner

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25: (July 1999).

Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

Chapter 3. Particular Game and Fish Preserves and Commissions

§311. Atchafalaya Delta WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:101 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: (July 1999).

§312. Pointe-au-Chien WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:102 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: (July 1999).

§313. Salvador WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:103 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: (July 1999).

§314. Pass-a-Loutre WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:104 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: (July 1999).

§327. Timken Wildlife Management Area

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq. and 56:109.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:860 (September 1996), repealed LR 25: (July 1999).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

A Notice of Intent on the 2000 Turkey Season was handled by Mr. Mike Olinde. The turkey season is divided into three areas with Area A having the most liberal season and Area C having the most conservative season. Changes in Area A since the 1999 season will include opening additional lands in Caldwell and the remainder of LaSalle Parishes, and closing small portions of Grant, Rapides, Beauregard and Calcasieu Parishes for restocking. Proposed dates for Area A is March 25 through April 23 for a 30 day season. Area B change is to reopen a portion of East Carroll Parish. Proposed dates are April 1 through April 16. Area C changes include opening all of Winn Parish, portions of Allen and Beauregard Parishes, and reopening a portion of Madison and Avoyelles Parishes. The main

difference for the wildlife management areas is to increase the seasonal bag limit from 1 to 2 except for the lottery hunts. Mr. Olinde reminded the Commission the changes made for the 1999 season and explained why these occurred. The staff hoped to accomplish several goals such as increasing the adult population of gobblers, wanting to minimize the impact of annual production, and protect the low turkey population areas. The Florida Parish concerns for the turkey population was explained by Mr. Olinde. The hunters during the 1999 season reported the temperatures were hot but it was actually the same as the 1998 season; also hunters stated it was getting warmer each year; and hunters commented they missed the peak time for gobbling. Commissioner Carver asked what was the average life expectancy for turkey gobblers and hens. Mr. Olinde stated in situations of unharvested areas for hens, survival was 8 or 9 years of age, but for gobblers in a hunted situation, survival rate was approximately 16 percent. Commissioner Carver asked if the stocking program in Winn Parish has been successful. Mr. Olinde stated it has been very successful. Chairman Busbice asked if the hardwoods as a food source for the turkey population in the Florida Parishes was a concern for the Department. Mr. Olinde read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Carver made a motion to accept the Resolution and Notice of Intent. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 8, 1999.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a hunting season in 2000 for turkeys, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting,

taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July meeting does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of wild turkeys.

2000 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON SCHEDULE

Daily limit is one gobbler, three gobblers per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited.

No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to

constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages "feeding" agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

All licensed turkey hunters are required to have a Turkey Stamp in their possession while turkey hunting in addition to basic and big game licenses.

STATEWIDE TURKEY HUNTING AREAS

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS

(Shooting hours - one-half hour
before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/season

TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 25-April 23
B	April 1-16
C	March 25-April 2

2000 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

Open Only in the Following Areas

Area A

March 25-April 23

All of the following parishes are open:

East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, LaSalle, Livingston, Natchitoches (Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for National Forest dates), St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

Portions of the following parishes are also open:

Allen: North of La. 26 from DeRidder to the junction of La. 104 and north of La. 104.

Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River northward from Simmesport, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by La. 452 from Brouillette to La. 1 eastward to Simmesport, and that portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaize structure east of Bordelonville southward to its junction with La. 451.

Beauregard: North of La. 26 east of DeRidder, north and east of U.S. 171-190 from the junction of La. 26 to DeRidder, and north of U.S. 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line.

Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line, east of La. 165 from LaSalle Parish line to the junction of La. 126, north of La. 126 westward to the Winn Parish line.

Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, north of La. 559 to La. 124, south and west of La. 124 from Duty Ferry to La. 8 at Harrisonburg and north of La. 8 to La. 126, north and east of La. 126. ALSO that portion lying east of La. 15.

Concordia: That portion east of Hwy. 15 and west of Hwy. 65 from its juncture with Hwy. 15 at Clayton.

Evangeline: North and west of La. 115, north of La. 106 from St. Landry to La. 13, west of La. 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of La. 104 west of Mamou.

Franklin: That portion lying east of Hwy. 17 and east of Hwy. 15 from its juncture with Hwy. 17 at Winnsboro.

Grant: All of the parish except that portion of land that lies north of the Red River between U.S. 71 and La. 8.

Iberville: West of La. Hwy. 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

Madison: That portion lying west of U.S. Hwy. 65 and south of U.S. Hwy. 80.

Pointe Coupee: All except that portion bounded on the west by La. 77 and La. 10, northward from U.S. 190 to La. 1 at Morganza, on the north and east by La. 1 to its junction with La. 78 and by La. 78 from Parlang to U.S. 190. Further EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

Rapides: All of the parish except that portion of lands that lies north of the Red River and south of U.S. Hwy. 71 from its juncture with the Red River northward to the Grant Parish line.

Richland: That portion south of U.S. Hwy. 80 and east of Hwy. 17.

Sabine: That portion north of Hwy. 6 from Toledo Bend Lake to Many; east of Hwy. 171 from Many to the Vernon Parish line.

St. Landry: That portion bounded on the north by U.S. 190, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee. ALSO that

portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its junction with the old O.G. Railroad right-of-way then by the O.G.R.R. right-of-way westward to U.S. 71 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Guide Levee to its junction with La. 10, EXCEPT the Indian Bayou tract owned by the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

Tensas: That portion west of Hwy. 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with Hwy. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

Vernon: That portion east of Hwy. 171 from the Sabine Parish line to the junction of Hwy. 111, south of Hwy. 111 westward to Hwy. 392, and south of Hwy. 392 westward to the Sabine Parish line. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates.

Area B

April 1-April 16

All of the following parishes are open:

Bienville, Bossier, Claiborne, Lincoln, Red River, Webster, including Caney Ranger District of Kisatchie National Forest.

Portions of the following parishes are open:

Caddo: That portion north of La. 2 from the Texas state line to U.S. 71, east of U.S. 71 from La. 2 to I-20, south of I-20 from U.S. 71 to U.S. 171, and east of U.S. 171 to the DeSoto Parish line.

DeSoto: That portion east of U.S. 171 from the Caddo Parish line to U.S. 84 and south of U.S. 84.

East Carroll: East of U.S. 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line.

Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to La. 144, west of La. 144 to La. 34, west of La. 34 to Chatham, north and west of La. 4 from Chatham to Weston, north and west of La. 505 from Weston to Wyatt, west of U.S. 167 from Wyatt to Winn Parish line.

Ouachita: East of La. 143 from Union Parish line to Bayou Darbonne, north of Bayou Darbonne to the Ouachita River, west of the Ouachita River from the mouth of Bayou Darbonne northward to the Union Parish line.

Morehouse: West of U.S. 165 from the Arkansas line to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, north of U.S. 165 from Bastrop to Ouachita Parish line.

Union: West of La. 15 from Ouachita Parish line to La. 33 west of Farmerville, north of La. 33 to La. 2 at Farmerville, north and east of La. 2 to La. 143 at Crossroads, east of La. 143 to the Ouachita Parish line.

Area C

March 25-April 2

All of the following parish is open:

Winn

Portions of the following parishes are open:

Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River.

Allen: South of La. 26 from DeRidder to Oberlin, west of U.S. 165 south of Oberlin.

Avoyelles: South of La. 1 to West Protection Levee, south to Avoyelles Parish line.

Beauregard: South of La. 26 east of DeRidder, east of U.S. 171 from the junction of La. 26 to Ragley, south of La. 12 west to Ragley.

Calcasieu: South of La. 12 east of Dequincy, east of La. 27 from Dequincy to I-10, and north of I-10 east of Sulphur.

Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to U.S. Hwy. 84, south of U.S. Hwy. 84 eastward to La. Hwy. 15 (Ferriday), east of La. Hwy. 15 northward to U.S. Hwy. 65 (Clayton), east of U.S. Hwy. 65 northward to Tensas Parish line.

Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River.

Jefferson Davis: West of U.S. 165 and north of I-10.

Madison: South of Hwy. 80 and east of U.S. Hwy. 65 to Tensas Parish line and all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

St. Landry: That portion bounded on the south by La. 10, on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, on the east by La. 105, and on the north by the Avoyelles Parish line.

Tensas: East and south of U.S. Hwy. 65 from Concordia Parish line to Hwy. 128, south of Hwy. 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of La. Hwy. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

2000 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA TURKEY HUNTING REGULATIONS

GENERAL

The following rules and regulations concerning management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject the individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed are open to turkey hunting.

All trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through September 15. ATV off-road or trail travel is prohibited. Walk-in hunting only (bicycles permitted), unless opened by sign on trail.

Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Areas is two per area, not

to exceed two per season for all WMAs. Only one turkey allowed to be taken during special lottery hunts. The bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler per day and three gobblers per season including those taken on WMAs.

PERMITS

Self-Clearing Permits: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing and all hunters must check in daily by picking up a permit from a self-clearing station. Upon completion of each daily hunt, the hunter must check out by completing the hunter report portion of the permit and depositing it in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

Lottery Hunts: Bayou Macon, Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island and Tunica Hills WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is February 15, 2000. Application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any district office: [District 1 - P.O. Box 915, Minden, 71055; 318/371-3050]; [District 2 - 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203; 318/343-4044]; [District 3 - 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360; 318/487-5885]; [District 4 - P.O. Box 426, Ferriday, 71334; 318/757-4571]; [District 5 - 1213 N. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, 70601; 318/491-2575]; [District 6 - 5652 Highway 182, Opelousas, 70570; 318/948-0255]; [District 7 - P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898; 225/765-2360].

Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates**
Bayou Macon	April 1-April 2	Self-clearing	April 1-2
Bens Creek†	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Big Lake	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None

Bodcau	April 1-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Boeuf	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 25-26 April 1-2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2
Fort Polk	March 25-April 23	Self-clearing	None
Georgia- Pacific	April 1-April 9	Self-clearing	April 1-2
Grassy Lake	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Jackson- Bienville	April 1-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Little River	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	April 8-9 April 15-16
Pearl River	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 25-April 23	Self-clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Red River	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Sabine	March 25-March 26 April 1-April 2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2
Sandy Hollow†	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Sherburne	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 March 27-29
Sicily Island	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9
Three Rivers	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None

Tunica Hills	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16
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*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are CLOSED. For seasons on other lands managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, contact the local district office.

** The deadline for receiving applications for all Turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is February 15, 2000.

† No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) Turkey Hunting Schedule: Caney Ranger District, April 1-16; KNF lands in Winn Parish, March 25-April 2; All remaining KNF lands, March 25-April 16.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 25: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondences to other agencies of government.

Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until September 23, 1999 to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Chairman Busbice then asked for any **Public Comments - Deer Management Assistance Program**. Mr. Jeff Jackson, a consulting biologist and forester, stated there were three changes in the proposed rule he disagreed with. The first change was having members buy DMAP signs and post the entire property lines. The

expense involved in this change may cause some clubs to get out of the program. The second change Mr. Jackson disagreed with was requiring doe tags to be on a hunter. He felt if a club was in DMAP, they should be able to harvest does as they want. A problem with this change is tags get lost and makes record keeping a lot harder. The last change dealt with providing keys to locked gates to Enforcement personnel. Mr. Jackson felt before an agent goes on his property, he should be notified first.

Mr. Lane McCaffee, lease manager for International Paper, stated DMAP has been very useful in managing their deer herds. One problem he has with the proposed rule is the expense involved in posting signs. Also, he agreed with the difficulty in keeping up with tags.

Mr. Eddie Knight, a property owner in Avoyelles Parish, stated he had a problem with giving keys to the property when they have customers hunting.

Mr. Tommy Prickett stated they have received a number of letters on the DMAP posting signs and reminded everyone this is a state law and not an option the Commission can vote upon. The option for the Commission is the means by which landowners have to post their property. For the 2000-2001 season, DMAP members will have to post signs at all points of ingress and egress and every 1,000 feet along the boundary. Commissioner McCall asked what is the cost for the DMAP signs. Chairman Busbice asked about painting a line on trees along the property boundary. Mr. Prickett stated, according to the state law, painted lines on trees will not be acceptable.

Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated the Enforcement Division was not trying to invade anyone's Fourth Amendment rights. The idea of the key and tag issues comes from the wildlife and fisheries being placed in the public trust. According to the Court system, agents have the right to go on property, and the giving of a key would be the least intrusive way to make sure fish and wildlife are being protected.

Chairman Busbice commented the Rule would be voted on at the September Meeting and the three issues mentioned were the most controversial.

A slide presentation on the **Tentative 1999-2000 Migratory Bird (Teal, Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules) Hunting Season**

Dates was handled by Mr. Tommy Prickett. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service set tentative frameworks in June for these birds and the Commission and Department needs to notify the Service of Louisiana's selection dates by August 1st. Staff will make another presentation at the August meeting to formally adopt the season dates. The Department recommendations for the dove season is a 70 day season with a 12 bird bag limit. Dates include September 4 - September 12, October 16 - November 15 and December 11 - January 9. Over the last several years, the Commission has switched between a 60 day, 15 bird season and 70 day, 12 bird season. This year's trend would be a 70 day, 12 bird season. The recommendation dates for teal are a 16 day season of September 11 - September 26 with daily bag limit of four and possession of 8. The staff is optimistic for the teal season due to the availability of water in Canada barring any poor weather. Tentative dates for rails is September 11 - September 26 and the remainder of the season will be set at the August Meeting. Bag limit for king and clapper rails is 15 with a possession limit of 30; and for Sora and Virginia rails, daily bag and possession limit is 25 in the aggregate. Season dates for gallinules will be September 11 - September 26, with a bag limit of 15 and possession limit of 30. The remainder of the gallinule season will also be set at the August Meeting. Snipe season dates of 107 days will be November 6 - February 20 with a daily bag limit of 8 and possession limit of 16. Woodcock framework and bag limit has been reduced for this year. Season dates will be December 18 - January 31 with a bag limit of 3 and possession limit of 6. Shooting hours for teal, rail, snipe, gallinule and woodcock will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Dove shooting hours will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset except shooting hours for opening weekends of each split will be noon to sunset.

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked the reason for reducing the number of days on woodcock. Mr. Prickett stated woodcock populations have been down for a number of years and the trend is continuing so the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service reduced it out of an abundance of caution.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Prickett to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Joe Macaluso asked which option was chosen for the dove season. Chairman Busbice answered the 70 day, 12 bird bag limit option.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA, July 8, 1999.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, DC have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Commission does hereby adopt the tentative season dates for migratory birds which are attached and made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

(1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and

(2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATIONS
1999-2000 Hunting Seasons for Migratory Birds

Dove: Split Season, Statewide, 70 days
September 4 (Saturday) - September 12 (Sunday) 9 days
October 16 (Saturday) - November 15 (Monday) 31 days
December 11 (Saturday) - January 9 (Sunday) 30 days
Daily bag limit 12, Possession limit 24

OR

Split Season, Statewide, 60 days
September 4 (Saturday) - September 12 (Sunday) 9 days
October 16 (Saturday) - November 5 (Friday) 21 days
December 11 (Saturday) - January 9 (Sunday) 30 days
Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

Teal: September 11 (Saturday) - September 26 (Sunday)
Daily bag limit 4, Possession limit 8, blue-winged,
green-winged and cinnamon teal only. Federal and State
waterfowl stamps required.

Rails: Split Season
September 11 (Saturday) - September 26 (Sunday) 16 days
Remainder of season to be set at a later date.

King and Clapper: Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate,
Possession 30
Sora and Virginia: Daily bag and possession 25 in the
aggregate

Gallinules: Split Season

September 11 (Saturday) - September 26 (Sunday) 16 days
Remainder of season to be set at a later date.
Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

Snipe: November 6 (Saturday) - February 20 (Sunday) 107 days
Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16

Woodcock: December 18 (Saturday) - January 31 (Monday) 45 days
Daily bag limit 3, Possession limit 6

SHOOTING HOURS:

Teal, Rail, Snipe, Woodcock and Gallinule: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on September 4-5, October 16-17 and December 11-12 when shooting hours will be 12 noon to sunset.

Mr. Phil Bowman handled the next agenda item, a **Resolution and Declaration of Emergency to Set 1999 Alligator Season**. He began stating there would be several things that will affect tag allocations for this season. Every 10 years, the Department and several other agencies do a vegetative survey of the entire coast of Louisiana to classify areas as brackish marsh, fresh marsh, intermediate marsh or salt marsh. This process is very important not only in allocating alligator tags but also for people involved in wetland restoration, wetlands management, and operations of wetland structures. Preliminary results indicate an increase in the fresh and intermediate marsh types along the coast. This change will have significant implications in the allocating of tags since these marshes are the two preferred habitats for alligator nests. Mr. Bowman reminded everyone that the alligator populations in the State are increasing. A new program will be instituted this year that will allow the issuance of bonus tags. The bonus tags will be targeted to those alligators less than 6 foot in length. The bonus tag allotment will be 10 percent for this year. With all of these changes occurring, an additional 4,000 to 5,000 tags may be issued without impacting the resource. The season dates will be September 1 through September 30. Commissioner McCall asked how will the extra tags be issued. Mr. Bowman stated a hunters tag allotment will increase by at least 1 tag or by as much as 10 percent. Commissioner McCall asked if all hunters would be treated fairly. Mr. Bowman assured the Commission everyone would be treated fairly. Commissioner Babin asked if the 17 percent release back into the wild would ever be considered to control the alligator population rather than increasing the harvest. Mr.

Bowman stated the staff has had considerable discussion on this issue. Also, the Legislature created an Alligator Task Force and this was one of the specific issues to be addressed. It is hoped the Task Force will begin meeting by the end of this month. Commissioner Babin asked if the Task Force's recommendation was for the Legislature, the Department or the Commission to change. Mr. Bowman answered the changes would be directed to the Department and Commission. Chairman Busbice asked what percent of tags are not used. Mr. Noel Kinler stated 95 percent of the tags are used. Mr. Bowman stated the 5 percent tags not used have to be returned to the Department. Then Chairman Busbice asked if the staff has heard of any alligator attacks. Mr. Bowman told of a nuisance alligator that became fairly aggressive in the Bayou Sauvage area. He then encouraged the media to help get the word out to the public to not feed alligators. Commissioner Kelly asked if studies are showing an increase in the alligator population. Mr. Bowman stated it varied from area to area, but the state as a whole, there is an upward trend in the number of alligators. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Bowman to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

1999 Wild Alligator Harvest Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act allows the Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has historically led the world in the production of crocodilians with value to alligator hunters of approximately \$136 million between 1972 and 1998, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana ranching program (wild egg collection) largely supports a statewide alligator farming program, producing 170,000 hides per year, and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive Louisiana alligator management program contributes significantly to conserving alligators and their wetland ecosystems, producing for the landowner about 45% of surface use value, and

WHEREAS, the harvest of this renewable resource is important in providing supplemental income to citizens of the state while furnishing an essential management tool to reduce nuisance wildlife problems, foster wetlands biodiversity, and provide cultural and economic benefits to the citizens of the state, and

WHEREAS, regulated alligator sustainable use management programs developed during the past 25 seasons have built an industry that is unique and exceptional, and

WHEREAS, historical and current information collected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have indicated that the optimum time frame for the harvest of alligators is the month of September, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1999 Wild Alligator Harvest Season, statewide from September 1, 1999 through September 30, 1999.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay, extend, close or reopen this season based on technical data or if enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 1999 Wild Alligator Harvest Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set seasons, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1999 wild alligator harvest season.

The 1999 wild alligator harvest season shall be from official sunrise September 1, 1999 through official sunset September 30, 1999. Alligators taken from the wild may be removed from hook and line and taken with other legal capture devices only during daylight hours between official sunrise and official sunset.

Emergency procedures are necessary to allow Department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby also authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay, extend, close or reopen this season based on technical data or if enforcement problems develop.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

A Notice of Intent - Black Bass Regulations, Spanish Lake began with Mr. Mike Walker introducing members of the Spanish Lake Commission. Mrs. Greta Green, Chairman, Dr. Andy Rhao, Treasurer, and Mr. Ronald Peltier, member, were present at the meeting. Mrs. Green began thanking the Commission for the time allotted to speak on the Spanish Lake located in Iberia and St. Martin Parishes. A resolution for a black bass regulation was proposed to the Spanish Lake Commission and voted on unanimously. Two public hearings were held on the proposal and everyone was in favor of it. This proposal of a slot limit was then presented to Mr. Mike Walker. Mrs. Green requested the Commission consider the proposal after Mr. Walker makes his presentation.

Mr. Walker stated this Spanish Lake is 1240 acres and is located just north of New Iberia. The first impoundment levee for the lake was completed in 1957; a drawdown occurred in 1963 to repair levees, and again in 1982 to repair a breach in the levee. In 1989, a major fish kill occurred due to subfreezing temperatures. After this it was decided the lake would be drawn down again and completely refurbished. The lake was refilled either by late 1996 or early 1997. A restocking program with

62,000 Florida largemouth bass fingerlings began in 1997 with an additional 62,000 added in 1998. Then in 1999, 124,000 Florida largemouth bass fry and 100,000 Florida largemouth bass fingerlings were stocked. One electrofishing sample was taken last fall and it showed good numbers in each size class of fish and the relative weights were at or above 100. A genetic sample of these fish were taken and results indicated 6.9 percent were hybrids of Florida strain black bass and native strain black bass, almost 14 percent were pure Florida strain, and almost 80 percent were of the native strain. A much larger sample of fingerling-sized fish is planned this year to see if it can be determined what the influence of stocking fingerlings will have on the lake. From an otolith study, fish from 4 to 10 inches were about 8 months old, then fish from 10 to 17 inches were about 1 year and 8 months, which Mr. Walker felt was a phenomenal growth rate. Forage samples included good numbers of small gizzard and threadfin shad, and various sunfish. After meeting with the Spanish Lake Commission, Mr. Walker felt their goal was to increase the likelihood of catching and harvesting a 10 pound or larger bass and to increase the catch rate of a 2 to 5 pound bass. The Department's recommendation to the Commission was to impose a 16 to 21 inch slot limit and an 8 fish creel with no more than 2 fish over 21 inches. Mr. Walker stated the sampling programs would continue on Spanish Lake.

Commissioner Carver asked what regulations were in place now for Spanish Lake. Mr. Walker stated, a 10 fish creel limit. Then Commissioner Carver asked if the slot limit would put more pressure on the native bass or the Florida bass. Fish under 16 inches would have equal pressure, but over 21 inches, the pressure would be entirely on the Florida strain. Chairman Busbice asked what was the make-up of the lake. Since the lake has been refurbished, Mr. Walker felt the lake could handle the winter and summer temperatures better and has more depths now. Chairman Busbice asked if there was any hydrilla in the lake. Mr. Walker stated there are only a few spots, but nothing that will endanger the lake as of yet. Chairman Busbice asked if the recommendation for a 16 to 21 inch slot would be considered a trophy lake. Commissioner Babin asked how many landings are in Spanish Lake and would it be very easy to post the slot limits. Mr. Walker stated there is one way in and one way out and that makes it easy to post. Then Commissioner Babin asked if there were no objections from anyone to throw back an 8 pound bass. Mr. Walker answered, not as of yet. Chairman Busbice stated he would like to see other trophy lakes move the slot to the 21 inch limit. Mr. Bennie Fontenot stated the 16 to 21 inch slot was chosen because of the control in and out of

the lake. He felt this lake could possibly be a super trophy lake. Commissioner Carver thought this regulation would do a lot for the area. Commissioner Hanchey agreed this lake would be perfect to try this slot on since it is well controlled and easy to supervise. Commissioner Carver liked the fact there is a large percentage of Florida bass in the lake. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Walker to read the Notice of Intent. Commissioner McCall made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Hanchey seconded the motion and it was approved with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to establish the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Spanish Lake, located between the cities of New Iberia and Lafayette in Iberia and upper St. Martin Parishes, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§191. Black Bass Regulations, Spanish Lake

The harvest regulations for black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Spanish Lake, located between the cities of New Iberia and Lafayette, in Iberia and upper St. Martin Parishes, Louisiana is as follows:

1. Size limit: 16 inch - 21 inch slot. A 16-21 inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 16 inches and 21 inches, both measurements inclusive.

2. Daily take: 8 fish of which no more than two fish may exceed 21 inches maximum total length.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 (25) (a), R.S. 56:325(C) and R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Mr. Mike Walker, Biologist Supervisor, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2415 Darnall Road, New Iberia, LA 70560 no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 8, 1999.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Modification of Reciprocal Recreational Fishing License Agreement between the State of Texas and the State of Louisiana was handled by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. He began stating Texas will no longer allow senior citizens from being exempt for a fishing license while they are fishing in inland waters only. Texas has instituted a senior fishing license fee of \$6.50. This change does not affect the common boundary waters nor will it affect children 16 years of age and younger. Commissioner McCall asked why did Texas change the regulation? Mr. Fontenot felt they needed the money for their budget. Chairman Busbice asked what waters would this affect? Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the Reciprocal Agreement and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Reciprocal Agreement is made a part of the record.)

RECIPROCAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

This Agreement made and entered into this ____ Day of _____, 1999, by and between the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission ("Louisiana") and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department ("Texas"), each acting by and through duly authorized officials,

WITNESSETH:

- WHEREAS, the neighboring states of Louisiana and Texas each hold interests in fishery resources that are enjoyed by the citizens of these states, including the waters that form the common boundary between the two states, and
- WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of those states that licensing regulations for the shared boundary waters be consistent, and
- WHEREAS, the parties hereto also desire to grant similar sport fishing license exemptions whereby residents of Texas under 16 years of age may fish in all Louisiana waters without a fishing license, and likewise, residents of Louisiana under 17 years of age may fish in all Texas waters without a fishing license, and
- WHEREAS, non-residents from many parts of the country travel to the Louisiana-Texas border to enjoy the abundant fishery resources of the common boundary waters of that area, and
- WHEREAS, those non-resident tourists contribute to the local economies of the area, and
- WHEREAS, clear regulations regarding common boundary waters that are available to non-resident fishing license holders should provide for more compliance with the applicable laws, and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 56:671 and 673 provide that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may enter into reciprocal fishing license agreements, and may also enter into reciprocal agreements with the state of Texas pertaining to seasons, creel limits, and all other rules and regulations pertaining to fishing in waters forming the common boundary between Louisiana and Texas,

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual benefits hereof, Texas and Louisiana contract as follows:

A. STATE-REGULATED WATERS

1. Texas residents under 16 years of age may fish in all Louisiana waters without a license, provided their age can be established satisfactorily when checked by an enforcement agent.

2. Louisiana residents under 17 years of age may fish in Texas waters without a license, provided their age can be established satisfactorily when checked by an enforcement agent.

B. COMMON BOUNDARY WATERS

1. For the purposes of this reciprocal agreement, common boundary waters are Caddo Lake proper, the Toledo Bend Lake project including the spillway outfall and the hydro power outfall channels below Toledo Bend Dam, Sabine Lake proper, and the main channel of the Sabine River where it forms the boundary between the states of Texas and Louisiana, but not including the waters of the Sabine River ship channel south of the line between Texas Point and Louisiana Point. Tributaries of the named common boundary waters are specifically not included as boundary waters. For purposes of this rule, tributary water bodies enter boundary lines at a line that runs from point to point cross the mouth of the tributary water body. The Gulf of Mexico is not included in the common boundary waters.

2. Residents of Texas or Louisiana who meet the licensing requirements of their state may legally fish recreationally on all waters that form a common boundary between Texas and Louisiana inland from a line across Sabine Pass between Texas Point and Louisiana Point.

3. Persons who have in their possession a Texas or Louisiana valid non-resident recreational fishing license may legally fish recreationally on all waters that form a common boundary between Texas and Louisiana inland from a line across Sabine Pass between Texas Point and Louisiana Point.

4. Texas residents under 17 years of age and those 65 years of age or older may legally fish recreationally in common boundary waters without a recreational fishing license.

5. Louisiana residents under 16 years of age and those 60 years of age or older may legally fish recreationally in common boundary waters without a recreational fishing license.

C. GENERAL

1. Proof of age may be in the form of a birth certificate, driver's license or a military record which states age (or a photostatic copy of same).

2. This agreement applies only to sport fishing licenses, and does not apply to any sport fishing activities that require specific recreational gear license in either state (e.g. crab traps, crawfish traps, etc.).

3. Other than license privileges provided herein, the fishing regulations of the state in which the fishing occurs shall control.

4. This agreement supersedes the previous reciprocal agreements on recreational fishing license dating February 13, 1968, September 27, 1984 including undated amendment and September 3, 1998.

5. This agreement shall remain in effect until ninety (90) days after it has been rescinded in writing by either the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission or Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, or their successors.

6. The effective date of this reciprocal agreement will be _____.

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE
DEPARTMENT

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
COMMISSION

BY: _____

BY: _____

Andrew Sansom, Executive Director

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for June** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations and warnings were issued during the month of June.

Region I - Minden - 152 citations and 125 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 62 citations and 41 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 155 citations and 76 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 115 citations and 13 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 182 citations and 85 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 238 citations and 42 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 192 citations and 56 warnings.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 294 citations and 60 warnings.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 253 citations and 23 warnings.

SWEP - 35 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 37 citations. Major LaCaze explained the red drum confiscations and the 3,000 pounds of mislabeled crawfish.

Statewide Strike Force - 35 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 29 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of June was 1,643. Also there were 521 warning citations issued for the month. Commissioner Babin commented on a good article in the Houma Courier quoting several enforcement agents on their job with the Department as being the state troopers of the water.

The aviation report for June 1999 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 95.4 hours for enforcement and 15.5 hours for other divisions.

Col. Winton Vidrine began the **1999 Legislation Report** by introducing Lt. Jeff Mayne. Lt. Mayne started with the Department as a student while studying for a degree in criminal justice. Col. Vidrine thanked Lt. Mayne for the good job he did with the Session. Lt. Mayne began by thanking Col. Vidrine and Secretary Jenkins for giving him the opportunity to handle the Department's legislative packet. About 95 percent of the Department's packet was successful and will be enacted once the Governor signs them. A list of the bills with a brief synopsis was included in the Commissioner's

packets for their review. Lt. Mayne then highlighted several major bills, such as a Constitutional Amendment allowing the Department to invest up to 30 percent of the Rockefeller and Marsh Island Trust Fund; 2,000 acre land transfer from Angola; 300 acres added to Russell Sage; creating a new license class for alien individuals; recreational possession limits for catfish, shad and crabs; recreational use of hoop nets; and the activity of shell dredging was repealed. The trip ticket system survived the session except catfish and crawfish will be exempt from the system from August 15, 1999 through January 1, 2000. A new Fresh Products License was created that will allow a commercial fisherman to sell his own catch to a consumer. Lt. Mayne stated a final packet would be provided when it was received. Commissioner Babin asked about Act 220 by Senator Dean on southern flounder caught as by-catch during a shrimping trip. Lt. Mayne stated that bill passed. Chairman Busbice stated he was impressed with the number of bills relating to the Department. Then he asked if the Department did not want the authority to regulate shell dredging. Lt. Mayne stated the Department did have that authority and the intent of the law was to prevent anyone from dredging shell. Commissioner Babin stated there is no shell dredging occurring in the State. Secretary Jenkins stated the Department did regulate shell dredging but there was no activity occurring. Even with no activity, the Department received calls concerned about shell dredging beginning again, so the law was passed to prevent that from happening.

Secretary Jenkins commented Lt. Mayne did an outstanding job for the Department. A short letter was read that would be placed in Lt. Mayne's personnel file and then a plaque was presented to Lt. Mayne.

Secretary Jenkins stated Louisiana should try to do the same thing Texas did with their fishing licenses for senior citizens. The trick to the whole process is to have a fishing license and get Federal funds to match it. Then Secretary Jenkins stated, for the last quarter of the fiscal year, the Department stopped hiring people, stopped buying supplies and equipment with the budget problems occurring. The projections for the budget from outside income are predicated on prior year's income. The Department is still in the hold pattern on spending, commented Secretary Jenkins. He then stated he will set up a meeting with the Governor to get a steady income for the Department and attempt to not have to depend on prices of timber, lumber and etc. Commissioner Carver stated Louisiana needs to impose a fuel tax like Missouri did. Secretary Jenkins stated Louisiana does not get any revenues from gas used in

boats, 4-wheelers and other equipment. Another option is an increase in the license fees, which Secretary Jenkins stated has not occurred over the last 12 years. Chairman Busbice asked if the fees could be heard during the next Legislative Session. Secretary Jenkins answered yes, the Department will present a five year plan. If some type of income is not generated, Secretary Jenkins stated programs could be cut or possibly even a lay off could be experienced.

Then Secretary Jenkins explained the events surrounding the Tunica Hills land swap. The Department of Corrections cancelled a lease with the Office of State Parks on 3,000 acres. Secretary Jenkins stated he met with Warden Cain and asked if this Department could have the land and an agreement was reached for 2,000 acres. The Office of State Parks asked this Department to swap 350 acres for another 350 acres within Tunica so they could build a nature center. A bill was drafted to take care of each of these transactions. The bill went through the House pretty easily, but when it reached the Senate side, it bogged down. In the end, the bill worked out exactly as it was proposed. Secretary Jenkins felt it was an equitable situation for everyone involved.

Secretary Jenkins then announced three new Assistant Chiefs for the Department, Mr. Dave Arnoldi with the Wildlife Division, Mr. Bob Love for the Fur & Refuge Division and Mr. Gary Tilyou in the Inland Fisheries Division.

Chairman Busbice then asked for the first **Division Report, Inland Fisheries 1999 Fish Hatchery Production Report** by Mr. Robert Gough. A slide presentation began showing the department's hatchery system consists of 5 hatcheries - Toledo Bend hatchery which is responsible for striped bass and hybrid striped bass production; Monroe hatchery-rearing hybrid striped bass; Lacombe hatchery-helps with broodstock maintenance and rearing; Beechwood hatchery-responsible for forage production and broodstock maintenance; and the new Booker Fowler hatchery. There is a total of 129 ponds in the hatcheries which equals to 121 acres. Four different types of fish are produced in the hatcheries, catfish, hybrid striped and striped bass, paddlefish and Florida largemouth bass. For 1999, over 6.4 million advanced fry were produced and distributed. Also, 2.2 million fry were distributed to the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery. Then approximately 1 million fry were stocked in public waters. From the 3.2 million Florida bass fry stocked in hatchery ponds, a record breaking 1.7 million fingerlings were stocked in public waters. Approximately 24,000

were kept for future broodstock replacement, stated Mr. Gough. From the 2.2 million sent to the Natchitoches Fish Hatchery, almost 803,000 fingerlings went to public waters, over 74,000 went into the Sabine National Refuge, and 78,000 went into the Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge. Total fingerling production resulted in 3.6 million Florida bass being stocked. Other production numbers stocked in waterbodies included 3/4 million paddlefish, 1/4 million hybrid striped bass, 1/2 million striped bass and 20,000 blue catfish.

Mr. Gough then presented a status report on the Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery. The hatchery, located on Indian Creek in central Louisiana, has 55 one-acre rearing ponds, 15 brood ponds, 3 one-third conditioning ponds and 16 raceways. The site also has a visitors center, an office and a hatchery facility building. Since construction, there has always been a problem with water under the liners. The main problem with the water is it prevents adequate harvest of the fish by not allowing all of the water to escape into the kettle. Another problem is it requires more manpower to harvest a rearing pond. The liner problem increases predation and also increases disease and parasites on the fish. In 1998, Fish Pro came in and reviewed the historical data and site evaluation to try to identify the sources of water and where it was coming from. In 1999, a more in-depth study will be conducted by Fish Pro in the hopes of finding the source and possibly to identify any party involved in the water accumulating under the liners. French drain systems will be installed in several ponds to possibly eliminate the water under the liners. Concluding, Mr. Gough felt the fish production went well this year and hopefully there will be more fish produced in the years to come. Commissioner Carver asked what percentage of fish were raised this year versus what is possible. Mr. Gough stated production should double what was done this year and meet the quota of 5 million fingerlings. All requests from the priority list were met this year. Commissioner Carver asked how is the priority list determined. Then he asked how many Florida largemouth bass fingerlings were stocked in Toledo Bend this year. Mr. Gough stated there is an agreement with the Sabine River Authority to stock 50,000 advanced fry in their nursery ponds, but there were no requests to stock Toledo Bend with fingerlings. Then he stated the Department assisted the Sabine River Authority in stocking 325,000 fingerlings that they purchased. Commissioner Carver stated he knew the Sabine River Authority had been buying fingerlings for some time now, and was wondering about the availability to keep them buying so many. Mr. Gough felt, as long

as the Authority had their nursery ponds, the Department could supply them with the fry they would need.

Dr. Lyle Soniat began the next division report, **Youth Hunter Education Challenge Report**, by stating the Department has received a donation from Mr. David Bryan with the Louisiana Oilman's Sporting Clay group. A shoot was held this year and a donation in the amount of \$13,000 was given to the Department. This money would be used for the Youth Hunter Education Challenge Program and also will provide money for woodduck boxes. He then asked Mr. Wayne Huston to update the Commission on the Youth Hunter Education Challenge program. This program is for kids 11-18 to compete in 8 shooting events, shotgun, rifle, black powder and archery, then 4 non-shooting events, a hunter safety trail, a wildlife identification activity, a 100 question written test and an orientation competition. There were 13 teams that competed in the junior or senior division. The junior team winners came from DeSoto Parish and was coached by Mr. Ethridge and the senior division winners came from Caddo-Bossier area, coached by Mr. Tyler. Next, the teams will be competing in the National Competition in Pennsylvania. The Youth Hunter Education Challenge program is paid for by donations, no department funds are used for this activity. A goal of adding five more teams has been established for next year.

Mr. Wayne Huston then stated the **Fishing Week Report** consisted of 12 clinics held throughout the State with 900 people participating. A lot of volunteers were used to conduct this program.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners agreed to hold the **November 1999 Meeting** on Thursday, November 4, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Busbice then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Commissioner Babin stated Mr. Brandt Savoie, administrator for the Fur & Refuge Division, had a heart problem while on vacation. He then wished, on behalf of the Commission, a speedy recovery to Mr. Savoie.

There being no further business, Commissioner Kelly made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey.


James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, July 8, 1999

Chairman Bill Busbice presiding.

Danny Babin
Tom Kelly
Jerald Hanchey
Glynn Carver
Norman McCall

Secretary James Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Commissioner Tom Gattle was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **June 3, 1999 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Babin and seconded by Commissioner Carver. The motion passed with no opposition.

Donation for Mural at the Waddill Outdoor Education Center by the Coastal Conservation Association and the National Wild Turkey Federation was handled by Dr. Lyle Soniat. He asked Mr. Lane McCaffee of the Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation and Mr. Jeff Angers and Mr. Bill Bass of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) to come forward. Each organization contributed \$2,500 for murals to be painted by artist Vincent Darby. Dr. Soniat then added that the murals would be a wonderful addition that could serve as an educational tool displaying different species. He also expressed his appreciation for the support given to the Department. Mr. Angers stated on behalf of the organizations' members, they were pleased to be able to participate in furthering the educational mission of the Department and that of CCA. Mr. McCaffee stated on behalf of his organization, they are committed to conservation education for the youth as well as setting aside a certain percentage of their Superfund monies for educational purposes. Dr. Soniat again thanked both organizations for their support and stated they are still looking for donations from other groups to finish the murals. Chairman Busbice expressed his appreciation.

Mr. Tommy Prickett stated he would handle the next two agenda items as one, the **Rule - 1999-2000 Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits** and the **Rule - Hunting and Wildlife Management Area Rules & Regulations**. The Notice of Intent was presented in March and since then public hearings have been held throughout the State with comments being accepted. Several changes in the rule have occurred due to these comments. Also, during the Legislative Session, several bills have passed that would require additional changes. Mr. Prickett then explained the proposals included changing the entry hour on a Wildlife Management Area to no earlier than 3:00 a.m. and a hunter must leave no later than 2 hours after sunset; establishing a statewide youth deer hunting weekend prior to the normal gun season in each deer area of the state (Areas 1, 4, 5 & 6 - November 6 & 7; Area 2 - October 23 & 24; and Areas 3 & 7 - October 2 & 3); hunters 60 and above can use a magnifying scope during muzzleloader only season; unmarked hogs has been added to the list of unregulated quadrupeds; and private inholdings surrounded by a WMA will have the same season dates as outside the WMA. A land swap has occurred through the legislative process between the Departments of Corrections and Wildlife and Fisheries and this will add approximately 2,000 acres to the Tunica Hills WMA. Mr. Prickett asked the Commission to act upon these changes if they were in favor of them. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the changes as presented. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Mr. Prickett then explained some of the more notable changes during this entire process. With regard to the statewide seasons, Area 2 deer season has been delayed by approximately one week; adding the statewide youth deer season; hunters 60 and above using magnifying scopes during muzzleloader season; unmarked hogs considered an unregulated quadruped; and a new still hunting area in northwest Washington Parish. Changes for the WMAs included: new entry hours from 3:00 a.m. until two hours after sunset; hunters will be required to have 400 square inches of hunter orange and an orange cap; no mooring of vessels that provides lodging for hire will be allowed on WMAs; designation of a camping area on Biloxi WMA; campers will be required to have a waste disposal system; and personal watercraft will be prohibited on all WMAs and refuges except for the lake at Alexander State Forest. Chairman Busbice asked what was meant by an operational waste disposal system? Commissioner Babin asked about prohibiting the use of personal watercraft on the WMAs and how does this affect Pointe-au-Chien and Pass-a-Loutre Refuges? Mr. Prickett read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution that related to the resident

season dates and bag limits. Commissioner McCall made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. The motion passed with no opposition. Then Mr. Prickett read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion for the statewide and WMA rules and regulations. Commissioner McCall made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Babin seconded the motion and it also passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolutions and Rules is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 8, 1999.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

§313. Salvador WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:103 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: (July 1999).

§314. Pass-a-Loutre WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:104 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: (July 1999).

§327. Timken Wildlife Management Area

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq. and 56:109.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:860 (September 1996), repealed LR 25: (July 1999).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

A **Notice of Intent on the 2000 Turkey Season** was handled by Mr. Mike Olinde. The turkey season is divided into three areas with Area A having the most liberal season and Area C having the most conservative season. Changes in Area A since the 1999 season will include opening additional lands in Caldwell and the remainder of LaSalle Parishes, and closing small portions of Grant, Rapides, Beauregard and Calcasieu Parishes for restocking. Proposed dates for Area A is March 25 through April 23 for a 30 day season. Area B change is to reopen a portion of East Carroll Parish. Proposed dates are April 1 through April 16. Area C changes include opening all of Winn Parish, portions of Allen and Beauregard Parishes, and reopening a portion of Madison and Avoyelles Parishes. The main

difference for the wildlife management areas is to increase the seasonal bag limit from 1 to 2 except for the lottery hunts. Mr. Olinde reminded the Commission the changes made for the 1999 season and explained why these occurred. The staff hoped to accomplish several goals such as increasing the adult population of gobblers, wanting to minimize the impact of annual production, and protect the low turkey population areas. The Florida Parish concerns for the turkey population was explained by Mr. Olinde. The hunters during the 1999 season reported the temperatures were hot but it was actually the same as the 1998 season; also hunters stated it was getting warmer each year; and hunters commented they missed the peak time for gobbling. Commissioner Carver asked what was the average life expectancy for turkey gobblers and hens? Mr. Olinde stated in situations of unharvested areas for hens, survival was 8 or 9 years of age, but for gobblers in a hunted situation, survival rate was approximately 16 percent. Commissioner Carver asked if the stocking program in Winn Parish has been successful? Mr. Olinde stated it has been very successful. Chairman Busbice asked if the hardwoods as a food source for the turkey population in the Florida Parishes was a concern for the Department? Mr. Olinde read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Carver made a motion to accept the Resolution and Notice of Intent. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 8, 1999.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a hunting season in 2000 for turkeys, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting,

Tunica Hills	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16
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*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are CLOSED. For seasons on other lands managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, contact the local district office.

** The deadline for receiving applications for all Turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is February 15, 2000.

† No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) Turkey Hunting Schedule: Caney Ranger District, April 1-16; KNF lands in Winn Parish, March 25-April 2; All remaining KNF lands, March 25-April 16.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 25: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondences to other agencies of government.

Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until September 23, 1999 to Mr. Tommy Prickett, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Chairman Busbice then asked for any **Public Comments - Deer Management Assistance Program**. Mr. Jeff Jackson, a consulting biologist and forester, stated there were three changes in the proposed rule he disagreed with. The first change was having members buy DMAP signs and post the entire property lines. The

expense involved in this change may cause some clubs to get out of the program. The second change Mr. Jackson disagreed with was requiring doe tags to be on a hunter. He felt if a club was in DMAP, they should be able to harvest does as they want. A problem with this change is tags get lost and makes record keeping a lot harder. The last change dealt with providing keys to locked gates to Enforcement personnel. Mr. Jackson felt before an agent goes on his property, he should be notified first.

Mr. Lane McCaffee, lease manager for International Paper, stated DMAP has been very useful in managing their deer herds. One problem he has with the proposed rule is the expense involved in posting signs. Also, he agreed with the difficulty in keeping up with tags.

Mr. Eddie Knight, a property owner in Avoyelles Parish, stated he had a problem with giving keys to the property when they have customers hunting.

Mr. Tommy Prickett stated they have received a number of letters on the DMAP posting signs and reminded everyone this is a state law and not an option the Commission can vote upon. The option for the Commission is the means by which landowners have to post their property. For the 2000-2001 season, DMAP members will have to post signs at all points of ingress and egress and every 1,000 feet along the boundary. Commissioner McCall asked what is the cost for the DMAP signs? Chairman Busbice asked about painting a line on trees along the property boundary? Mr. Prickett stated, according to the state law, painted lines on trees will not be acceptable.

Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated the Enforcement Division was not trying to invade anyone's Fourth Amendment rights. The idea of the key and tag issues comes from the wildlife and fisheries being placed in the public trust. According to the Court system, agents have the right to go on property, and the giving of a key would be the least intrusive way to make sure fish and wildlife are being protected.

Chairman Busbice commented the Rule would be voted on at the September Meeting and the three issues mentioned were the most controversial.

A slide presentation on the **Tentative 1999-2000 Migratory Bird (Teal, Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules) Hunting Season**

Dates was handled by Mr. Tommy Prickett. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service set tentative frameworks in June for these birds and the Commission and Department needs to notify the Service of Louisiana's selection dates by August 1st. Staff will make another presentation at the August meeting to formally adopt the season dates. The Department recommendations for the dove season is a 70 day season with a 12 bird bag limit. Dates include September 4 - September 12, October 16 - November 15 and December 11 - January 9. Over the last several years, the Commission has switched between a 60 day, 15 bird season and 70 day, 12 bird season. This year's trend would be a 70 day, 12 bird season. The recommendation dates for teal are a 16 day season of September 11 - September 26 with daily bag limit of four and possession of 8. The staff is optimistic for the teal season due to the availability of water in Canada barring any poor weather. Tentative dates for rails is September 11 - September 26 and the remainder of the season will be set at the August Meeting. Bag limit for king and clapper rails is 15 with a possession limit of 30; and for Sora and Virginia rails, daily bag and possession limit is 25 in the aggregate. Season dates for gallinules will be September 11 - September 26, with a bag limit of 15 and possession limit of 30. The remainder of the gallinule season will also be set at the August Meeting. Snipe season dates of 107 days will be November 6 - February 20 with a daily bag limit of 8 and possession limit of 16. Woodcock framework and bag limit has been reduced for this year. Season dates will be December 18 - January 31 with a bag limit of 3 and possession limit of 6. Shooting hours for teal, rail, snipe, gallinule and woodcock will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Dove shooting hours will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset except shooting hours for opening weekends of each split will be noon to sunset.

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked the reason for reducing the number of days on woodcock? Mr. Prickett stated woodcock populations have been down for a number of years and the trend is continuing so the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service reduced it out of an abundance of caution.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Prickett to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Joe Macaluso asked which option was chosen for the dove season? Chairman Busbice answered the 70 day, 12 bird bag limit option.

September 11 (Saturday) - September 26 (Sunday) 16 days
Remainder of season to be set at a later date.
Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

Snipe: November 6 (Saturday) - February 20 (Sunday) 107 days
Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16

Woodcock: December 18 (Saturday) - January 31 (Monday) 45 days
Daily bag limit 3, Possession limit 6

SHOOTING HOURS:

Teal, Rail, Snipe, Woodcock and Gallinule: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on September 4-5, October 16-17 and December 11-12 when shooting hours will be 12 noon to sunset.

Mr. Phil Bowman handled the next agenda item, a **Resolution and Declaration of Emergency to Set 1999 Alligator Season**. He began stating there would be several things that will affect tag allocations for this season. Every 10 years, the Department and several other agencies do a vegetative survey of the entire coast of Louisiana to classify areas as brackish marsh, fresh marsh, intermediate marsh or salt marsh. This process is very important not only in allocating alligator tags but also for people involved in wetland restoration, wetlands management, and operations of wetland structures. Preliminary results indicate an increase in the fresh and intermediate marsh types along the coast. This change will have significant implications in the allocating of tags since these marshes are the two preferred habitats for alligator nests. Mr. Bowman reminded everyone that the alligator populations in the State are increasing. A new program will be instituted this year that will allow the issuance of bonus tags. The bonus tags will be targeted to those alligators less than 6 foot in length. The bonus tag allotment will be 10 percent for this year. With all of these changes occurring, an additional 4,000 to 5,000 tags may be issued without impacting the resource. The season dates will be September 1 through September 30. Commissioner McCall asked how will the extra tags be issued? Mr. Bowman stated a hunters tag allotment will increase by at least 1 tag or by as much as 10 percent. Commissioner McCall asked if all hunters would be treated fairly? Mr. Bowman assured the Commission everyone would be treated fairly. Commissioner Babin asked if the 17 percent release back into the wild would ever be considered to control the alligator population rather than increasing the harvest? Mr.

Bowman stated the staff has had considerable discussion on this issue. Also, the Legislature created an Alligator Task Force and this was one of the specific issues to be addressed. It is hoped the Task Force will begin meeting by the end of this month. Commissioner Babin asked if the Task Force's recommendation was for the Legislature, the Department or the Commission to change? Mr. Bowman answered the changes would be directed to the Department and Commission. Chairman Busbice asked what percent of tags are not used? Mr. Noel Kinler stated 95 percent of the tags are used. Mr. Bowman stated the 5 percent tags not used have to be returned to the Department. Then Chairman Busbice asked if the staff has heard of any alligator attacks? Mr. Bowman told of a nuisance alligator that became fairly aggressive in the Bayou Sauvage area. He then encouraged the media to help get the word out to the public to not feed alligators. Commissioner Kelly asked if studies are showing an increase in the alligator population? Mr. Bowman stated it varied from area to area, but the state as a whole, there is an upward trend in the number of alligators. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Bowman to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

1999 Wild Alligator Harvest Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act allows the Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana has historically led the world in the production of crocodilians with value to alligator hunters of approximately \$136 million between 1972 and 1998, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana ranching program (wild egg collection) largely supports a statewide alligator farming program, producing 170,000 hides per year, and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive Louisiana alligator management program contributes significantly to conserving alligators and their wetland ecosystems, producing for the landowner about 45% of surface use value, and

WHEREAS, the harvest of this renewable resource is important in providing supplemental income to citizens of the state while furnishing an essential management tool to reduce nuisance wildlife problems, foster wetlands biodiversity, and provide cultural and economic benefits to the citizens of the state, and

WHEREAS, regulated alligator sustainable use management programs developed during the past 25 seasons have built an industry that is unique and exceptional, and

WHEREAS, historical and current information collected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have indicated that the optimum time frame for the harvest of alligators is the month of September, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1999 Wild Alligator Harvest Season, statewide from September 1, 1999 through September 30, 1999.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay, extend, close or reopen this season based on technical data or if enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 1999 Wild Alligator Harvest Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set seasons, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1999 wild alligator harvest season.

The 1999 wild alligator harvest season shall be from official sunrise September 1, 1999 through official sunset September 30, 1999. Alligators taken from the wild may be removed from hook and line and taken with other legal capture devices only during daylight hours between official sunrise and official sunset.

Emergency procedures are necessary to allow Department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby also authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay, extend, close or reopen this season based on technical data or if enforcement problems develop.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

A Notice of Intent - Black Bass Regulations, Spanish Lake began with Mr. Mike Walker introducing members of the Spanish Lake Commission. Mrs. Greta Green, Chairman, Dr. Andy Rhao, Treasurer, and Mr. Ronald Peltier, member, were present at the meeting. Mrs. Green began thanking the Commission for the time allotted to speak on the Spanish Lake located in Iberia and St. Martin Parishes. A resolution for a black bass regulation was proposed to the Spanish Lake Commission and voted on unanimously. Two public hearings were held on the proposal and everyone was in favor of it. This proposal of a slot limit was then presented to Mr. Mike Walker. Mrs. Green requested the Commission consider the proposal after Mr. Walker makes his presentation.

Mr. Walker stated this Spanish Lake is 1240 acres and is located just north of New Iberia. The first impoundment levee for the lake was completed in 1957; a drawdown occurred in 1963 to repair levees, and again in 1982 to repair a breach in the levee. In 1989, a major fish kill occurred due to subfreezing temperatures. After this it was decided the lake would be drawn down again and completely refurbished. The lake was refilled either by late 1996 or early 1997. A restocking program with

62,000 Florida largemouth bass fingerlings began in 1997 with an additional 62,000 added in 1998. Then in 1999, 124,000 Florida largemouth bass fry and 100,000 Florida largemouth bass fingerlings were stocked. One electrofishing sample was taken last fall and it showed good numbers in each size class of fish and the relative weights were at or above 100. A genetic sample of these fish were taken and results indicated 6.9 percent were hybrids of Florida strain black bass and native strain black bass, almost 14 percent were pure Florida strain, and almost 80 percent were of the native strain. A much larger sample of fingerling-sized fish is planned this year to see if it can be determined what the influence of stocking fingerlings will have on the lake. From an otolith study, fish from 4 to 10 inches were about 8 months old, then fish from 10 to 17 inches were about 1 year and 8 months, which Mr. Walker felt was a phenomenal growth rate. Forage samples included good numbers of small gizzard and threadfin shad, and various sunfish. After meeting with the Spanish Lake Commission, Mr. Walker felt their goal was to increase the likelihood of catching and harvesting a 10 pound or larger bass and to increase the catch rate of a 2 to 5 pound bass. The Department's recommendation to the Commission was to impose a 16 to 21 inch slot limit and an 8 fish creel with no more than 2 fish over 21 inches. Mr. Walker stated the sampling programs would continue on Spanish Lake.

Commissioner Carver asked what regulations were in place now for Spanish Lake? Mr. Walker stated, a 10 fish creel limit. Then Commissioner Carver asked if the slot limit would put more pressure on the native bass or the Florida bass? Fish under 16 inches would have equal pressure, but over 21 inches, the pressure would be entirely on the Florida strain. Chairman Busbice asked what was the make-up of the lake? Since the lake has been refurbished, Mr. Walker felt the lake could handle the winter and summer temperatures better and has more depths now. Chairman Busbice asked if there was any hydrilla in the lake? Mr. Walker stated there are only a few spots, but nothing that will endanger the lake as of yet. Chairman Busbice asked if the recommendation for a 16 to 21 inch slot would be considered a trophy lake? Commissioner Babin asked how many landings are in Spanish Lake and would it be very easy to post the slot limits? Mr. Walker stated there is one way in and one way out and that makes it easy to post. Then Commissioner Babin asked if there were no objections from anyone to throw back an 8 pound bass? Mr. Walker answered, not as of yet. Chairman Busbice stated he would like to see other trophy lakes move the slot to the 21 inch limit. Mr. Bennie Fontenot stated the 16 to 21 inch slot was chosen because of the control in and out of

the lake. He felt this lake could possibly be a super trophy lake. Commissioner Carver thought this regulation would do a lot for the area. Commissioner Hanchey agreed this lake would be perfect to try this slot on since it is well controlled and easy to supervise. Commissioner Carver liked the fact there is a large percentage of Florida bass in the lake. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Walker to read the Notice of Intent. Commissioner McCall made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Hanchey seconded the motion and it was approved with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to establish the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Spanish Lake, located between the cities of New Iberia and Lafayette in Iberia and upper St. Martin Parishes, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§191. Black Bass Regulations, Spanish Lake

The harvest regulations for black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Spanish Lake, located between the cities of New Iberia and Lafayette, in Iberia and upper St. Martin Parishes, Louisiana is as follows:

1. Size limit: 16 inch - 21 inch slot. A 16-21 inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 16 inches and 21 inches, both measurements inclusive.

2. Daily take: 8 fish of which no more than two fish may exceed 21 inches maximum total length.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 (25)(a), R.S. 56:325(C) and R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:..

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Mr. Mike Walker, Biologist Supervisor, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2415 Darnall Road, New Iberia, LA 70560 no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 8, 1999.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Modification of Reciprocal Recreational Fishing License Agreement between the State of Texas and the State of Louisiana was handled by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. He began stating Texas will no longer allow senior citizens from being exempt for a fishing license while they are fishing in inland waters only. Texas has instituted a senior fishing license fee of \$6.50. This change does not affect the common boundary waters nor will it affect children 16 years of age and younger. Commissioner McCall asked why did Texas change the regulation? Mr. Fontenot felt they needed the money for their budget. Chairman Busbice asked what waters would this affect? Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the Reciprocal Agreement and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Reciprocal Agreement is made a part of the record.)

RECIPROCAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND

5. Louisiana residents under 16 years of age and those 60 years of age or older may legally fish recreationally in common boundary waters without a recreational fishing license.

C. GENERAL

1. Proof of age may be in the form of a birth certificate, driver's license or a military record which states age (or a photostatic copy of same).

2. This agreement applies only to sport fishing licenses, and does not apply to any sport fishing activities that require specific recreational gear license in either state (e.g. crab traps, crawfish traps, etc.).

3. Other than license privileges provided herein, the fishing regulations of the state in which the fishing occurs shall control.

4. This agreement supersedes the previous reciprocal agreements on recreational fishing license dating February 13, 1968, September 27, 1984 including undated amendment and September 3, 1998.

5. This agreement shall remain in effect until ninety (90) days after it has been rescinded in writing by either the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission or Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, or their successors.

6. The effective date of this reciprocal agreement will be _____

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE
DEPARTMENT

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
COMMISSION

BY: _____

BY: _____

Andrew Sansom, Executive Director

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for June** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations and warnings were issued during the month of June.

Region I - Minden - 152 citations and 125 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 62 citations and 41 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 155 citations and 76 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 115 citations and 13 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 182 citations and 85 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 238 citations and 42 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 192 citations and 56 warnings.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 294 citations and 60 warnings.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 253 citations and 23 warnings.

SWEP - 35 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 37 citations. Major LaCaze explained the red drum confiscations and the 3,000 pounds of mislabeled crawfish.

Statewide Strike Force - 35 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 29 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of June was 1,643. Also there were 521 warning citations issued for the month. Commissioner Babin commented on a good article in the Houma Courier quoting several enforcement agents on their job with the Department as being the state troopers of the water.

The aviation report for June 1999 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 95.4 hours for enforcement and 15.5 hours for other divisions.

Col. Winton Vidrine began the **1999 Legislation Report** by introducing Lt. Jeff Mayne. Lt. Mayne started with the Department as a student while studying for a degree in criminal justice. Col. Vidrine thanked Lt. Mayne for the good job he did with the Session. Lt. Mayne began by thanking Col. Vidrine and Secretary Jenkins for giving him the opportunity to handle the Department's legislative packet. About 95 percent of the Department's packet was successful and will be enacted once the Governor signs them. A list of the bills with a brief synopsis was included in the Commissioner's

packets for their review. Lt. Mayne then highlighted several major bills, such as a Constitutional Amendment allowing the Department to invest up to 30 percent of the Rockefeller and Marsh Island Trust Fund; 2,000 acre land transfer from Angola; 300 acres added to Russell Sage; creating a new license class for alien individuals; recreational possession limits for catfish, shad and crabs; recreational use of hoop nets; and the activity of shell dredging was repealed. The trip ticket system survived the session except catfish and crawfish will be exempt from the system from August 15, 1999 through January 1, 2000. A new Fresh Products License was created that will allow a commercial fisherman to sell his own catch to a consumer. Lt. Mayne stated a final packet would be provided when it was received. Commissioner Babin asked about Act 220 by Senator Dean on southern flounder caught as by-catch during a shrimping trip? Lt. Mayne stated that bill passed. Chairman Busbice stated he was impressed with the number of bills relating to the Department. Then he asked if the Department did not want the authority to regulate shell dredging? Lt. Mayne stated the Department did have that authority and the intent of the law was to prevent anyone from dredging shell. Commissioner Babin stated there is no shell dredging occurring in the State. Secretary Jenkins stated the Department did regulate shell dredging but there was no activity occurring. Even with no activity, the Department received calls concerned about shell dredging beginning again, so the law was passed to prevent that from happening.

Secretary Jenkins commented Lt. Mayne did an outstanding job for the Department. A short letter was read that would be placed in Lt. Mayne's personnel file and then a plaque was presented to Lt. Mayne.

Secretary Jenkins stated Louisiana should try to do the same thing Texas did with their fishing licenses for senior citizens. The trick to the whole process is to have a fishing license and get Federal funds to match it. Then Secretary Jenkins stated, for the last quarter of the fiscal year, the Department stopped hiring people, stopped buying supplies and equipment with the budget problems occurring. The projections for the budget from outside income are predicated on prior year's income. The Department is still in the hold pattern on spending, commented Secretary Jenkins. He then stated he will set up a meeting with the Governor to get a steady income for the Department and attempt to not have to depend on prices of timber, lumber and etc. Commissioner Carver stated Louisiana needs to impose a fuel tax like Missouri did. Secretary Jenkins stated Louisiana does not get any revenues from gas used in

boats, 4-wheelers and other equipment. Another option is an increase in the license fees, which Secretary Jenkins stated has not occurred over the last 12 years. Chairman Busbice asked if the fees could be heard during the next Legislative Session? Secretary Jenkins answered yes, the Department will present a five year plan. If some type of income is not generated, Secretary Jenkins stated programs could be cut or possibly even a lay off could be experienced.

Then Secretary Jenkins explained the events surrounding the Tunica Hills land swap. The Department of Corrections cancelled a lease with the Office of State Parks on 3,000 acres. Secretary Jenkins stated he met with Warden Cain and asked if this Department could have the land and an agreement was reached for 2,000 acres. The Office of State Parks asked this Department to swap 350 acres for another 350 acres within Tunica so they could build a nature center. A bill was drafted to take care of each of these transactions. The bill went through the House pretty easily, but when it reached the Senate side, it bogged down. In the end, the bill worked out exactly as it was proposed. Secretary Jenkins felt it was an equitable situation for everyone involved.

Secretary Jenkins then announced three new Assistant Chiefs for the Department, Mr. Dave Arnoldi with the Wildlife Division, Mr. Bob Love for the Fur & Refuge Division and Mr. Gary Tilyou in the Inland Fisheries Division.

Chairman Busbice then asked for the first **Division Report, Inland Fisheries 1999 Fish Hatchery Production Report** by Mr. Robert Gough. A slide presentation began showing the department's hatchery system consists of 5 hatcheries - Toledo Bend hatchery which is responsible for striped bass and hybrid striped bass production; Monroe hatchery-rearing hybrid striped bass; Lacombe hatchery-helps with broodstock maintenance and rearing; Beechwood hatchery-responsible for forage production and broodstock maintenance; and the new Booker Fowler hatchery. There is a total of 129 ponds in the hatcheries which equals to 121 acres. Four different types of fish are produced in the hatcheries, catfish, hybrid striped and striped bass, paddlefish and Florida largemouth bass. For 1999, over 6.4 million advanced fry were produced and distributed. Also, 2.2 million fry were distributed to the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery. Then approximately 1 million fry were stocked in public waters. From the 3.2 million Florida bass fry stocked in hatchery ponds, a record breaking 1.7 million fingerlings were stocked in public waters. Approximately 24,000

were kept for future broodstock replacement, stated Mr. Gough. From the 2.2 million sent to the Natchitoches Fish Hatchery, almost 803,000 fingerlings went to public waters, over 74,000 went into the Sabine National Refuge, and 78,000 went into the Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge. Total fingerling production resulted in 3.6 million Florida bass being stocked. Other production numbers stocked in waterbodies included 3/4 million paddlefish, 1/4 million hybrid striped bass, 1/2 million striped bass and 20,000 blue catfish.

Mr. Gough then presented a status report on the Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery. The hatchery, located on Indian Creek in central Louisiana, has 55 one-acre rearing ponds, 15 brood ponds, 3 one-third conditioning ponds and 16 raceways. The site also has a visitors center, an office and a hatchery facility building. Since construction, there has always been a problem with water under the liners. The main problem with the water is it prevents adequate harvest of the fish by not allowing all of the water to escape into the kettle. Another problem is it requires more manpower to harvest a rearing pond. The liner problem increases predation and also increases disease and parasites on the fish. In 1998, Fish Pro came in and reviewed the historical data and site evaluation to try to identify the sources of water and where it was coming from. In 1999, a more in-depth study will be conducted by Fish Pro in the hopes of finding the source and possibly to identify any party involved in the water accumulating under the liners. French drain systems will be installed in several ponds to possibly eliminate the water under the liners. Concluding, Mr. Gough felt the fish production went well this year and hopefully there will be more fish produced in the years to come. Commissioner Carver asked what percentage of fish were raised this year versus what is possible? Mr. Gough stated production should double what was done this year and meet the quota of 5 million fingerlings. All requests from the priority list were met this year. Commissioner Carver asked how is the priority list determined? Then he asked how many Florida largemouth bass fingerlings were stocked in Toledo Bend this year? Mr. Gough stated there is an agreement with the Sabine River Authority to stock 50,000 advanced fry in their nursery ponds, but there were no requests to stock Toledo Bend with fingerlings. Then he stated the Department assisted the Sabine River Authority in stocking 325,000 fingerlings that they purchased. Commissioner Carver stated he knew the Sabine River Authority had been buying fingerlings for some time now, and was wondering about the availability to keep them buying so many. Mr. Gough felt, as long

as the Authority had their nursery ponds, the Department could supply them with the fry they would need.

Dr. Lyle Soniat began the next division report, **Youth Hunter Education Challenge Report**, by stating the Department has received a donation from Mr. David Bryan with the Louisiana Oilman's Sporting Clay group. A shoot was held this year and a donation in the amount of \$13,000 was given to the Department. This money would be used for the Youth Hunter Education Challenge Program and also will provide money for woodduck boxes. He then asked Mr. Wayne Huston to update the Commission on the Youth Hunter Education Challenge program. This program is for kids 11-18 to compete in 8 shooting events, shotgun, rifle, black powder and archery, then 4 non-shooting events, a hunter safety trail, a wildlife identification activity, a 100 question written test and an orientation competition. There were 13 teams that competed in the junior or senior division. The junior team winners came from DeSoto Parish and was coached by Mr. Ethridge and the senior division winners came from Caddo-Bossier area, coached by Mr. Tyler. Next, the teams will be competing in the National Competition in Pennsylvania. The Youth Hunter Education Challenge program is paid for by donations, no department funds are used for this activity. A goal of adding five more teams has been established for next year.

Mr. Wayne Huston then stated the **Fishing Week Report** consisted of 12 clinics held throughout the State with 900 people participating. A lot of volunteers were used to conduct this program.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners agreed to hold the **November 1999 Meeting** on Thursday, November 4, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Busbice then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Commissioner Babin stated Mr. Brandt Savoie, administrator for the Fur & Refuge Division, had a heart problem while on vacation. He then wished, on behalf of the Commission, a speedy recovery to Mr. Savoie.

There being no further business, Commissioner Kelly made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey.

Hawkins, Susan

From: Soniat, Lyle
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 1999 10:34 AM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Subject: RE:

Jeff Angers is the Executive Director of CCA- the Coastal Conservation Association. With him was Bill Bass--president. Also present, representing the Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation was Lane McCaffee--Chapter President. Not there, but recognized for thier donation to the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Foundation was David Bryan with the Louisiana Oilmens Sporting Clays Association for their donation of \$13,000 for support of the Youth Hunter Education Challenge program and for purchase of woodduck boxes. Thanks.

From: Hawkins, Susan
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 1999 9:20 AM
To: Soniat, Lyle

Would you please e-mail me the correct spelling of the people's names that made a presentation at Thursday's Commission Meeting.

Thanks,

Susan Hawkins

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LWFC passes hunting seasons regulations

By **JOE MACALUSO**
Outdoors editor

Youngsters under 16 years old will have the first shots of the upcoming deer season after the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission passed 1999-2000 hunting seasons regulations for resident game Thursday.

Reacting to a bill passed in the Louisiana Legislature, the commission set aside special "youth-only hunt" days for Oct. 2-3 in State Deer Hunt Areas 3 and 7, Oct. 23-24 in Area 2 and Nov. 6-7 in Areas 1, 4, 5 and 6.

In all areas the youngsters will be able to get into the woods and hunt with modern firearms one week before the regular modern firearms season opens, but only if they've completed a hunter education course and are accompanied by an adult.

For duck hunters, the special September teal season will run 16 days like it did in 1998 when the season was expanded from 9 to 16 days. This year's proposed season will run from Sept. 11-26 with a daily limit of four teal.

Hunting for rail and gallinule will run concurrently with the special teal season. The remaining days of the rail and gallinule seasons will be known in August, when the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' Wildlife Division is expected to announce the state's waterfowl hunting dates and limits. All migratory birds and waterfowl seasons are subject to the approval of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The state's dove hunters will get their first shots on Sept. 4. The first split of the 70-day season will run through Sept. 12. Following a plan to alternate between 70-day/12-dove and 60-day/15-day dove seasons and limits, the commission opted for the 70-day season with a 12-dove daily limit for the 1999-2000 hunting year. Last year, there was a 60-day season, which hunters in north Louisiana prefer because most doves move from the northern parishes on the first cold front. South Louisiana hunters prefer the longer, 70-day season because doves will remain in the coastal and near-coastal parishes throughout the late fall and winter, except during periods of extreme cold.

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Like last hunting season, federal regulations will limit the woodcock season to 45 days with a three-bird-a-day limit. This year's dates run from Dec. 18-Jan. 31.

The only other migratory bird season announced Thursday was a 107-day, Nov. 6-Feb. 20 snipe season.

The Wildlife Division also revealed proposed dates and limits for the 2000 spring turkey hunting season. Area A, which takes in the Baton Rouge and Florida Parishes areas, will have a March 25-April 23 run. Area B is scheduled for April 1-16 and Area C will run from March 25-April 2. The daily limit of one and the season limit of three is unchanged from past seasons.

Upland Bird Section chief Mike Olinde said several tracts have been added and removed from the season, and advised hunters to check the proposed regulations to find the changes. None of the changes affected areas around Baton Rouge.

In discussing the upcoming resident-game (deer, quail, rabbit, squirrel and pheasant) seasons, Wildlife Division administrator Tom Prickett said most of the major revisions involved deer hunters.

The biggest change involves hunters using wildlife management areas. WMA hunters will be allowed to enter the woods no earlier than 3 a.m. and must exit the WMA hunting areas no later than two hours after legal shooting hours.

The other changes came from legislative action. They include: Allowing hunters over 60 year old to use magnifying scopes when muzzleloader hunting; classifying unmarked hogs as unregulated quadrupeds, thus allowing year-round hunting during daylight hours; and, requiring privately owned lands inside WMAs to have the same seasons as the surrounding WMA. The new law also requires the landowners to join the state's Deer Management Assistance Program.

In other action, the commission approved an Emergency Declaration for a Sept. 1-30 wild alligator harvest season; approved a new reciprocal recreational fishing agreement with Texas that requires Louisiana residents between the ages of 60-65 to buy a senior fishing license when fishing in Texas' inland waters; passed a Notice of Intent to establish a 16-21 inch slot limit and an eight-fish a day creel limit on black bass in Spanish Lake near New Iberia; learned that Enforcement Division agents issued 1,643 citations and 521 warning citations during June; and, set Nov. 4 as its meeting date for that month.

The Enforcement Division's report included the confiscation of 27,400 pounds of redfish from a New Orleans area seafood dealer. Redfish are a gamefish in Louisiana and therefore not eligible for market sale.

Major Keith LaCaze said the dealers did not have the proper documentation that the redfish came from out of state.

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COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, July 8, 1999
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Bill Busbice (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Tom Kelly	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Daniel Babin	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Glynn Carver	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Tom Gattle	<u>—</u>	<u>✓</u>
Jerald Hanchey	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Norman McCall	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 6 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Jenkins is also present.

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BATON ROUGE, LA
July 8, 1999
10:00 AM

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6. Notice of Intent - 2000 Turkey Season - Mike Olinde
7. Public Comments - Deer Management Assistance Program
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RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 8, 1999.

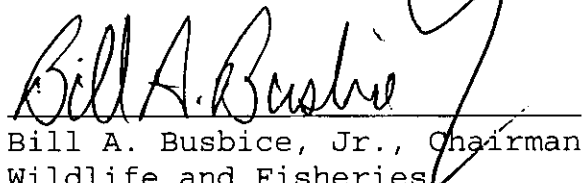
WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

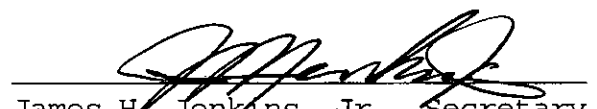
WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.



Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1999 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit and methods of taking on Department operated wildlife management areas and the state at large for the period September 1, 1999 through August 31, 2000. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. A copy of this information is attached and made part of this rule.

For those interested, a copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request by contacting: Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1999-2000 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the

Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25: (July 1999).

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1999-2000

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 13-Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 2-Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 2-Feb. 13	8	16
Pheasant	Nov. 13-Jan. 31	2 (Cock Only)	4
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan.30	Nov.20-Dec. 5 Jan.10-Jan.23	Dec.11-Jan.9
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 30-Nov. 5 Jan. 15-Jan. 21	Nov. 6-Dec.10	Dec.11-Jan.14

3	Sept.18-Jan.18	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Dec. 13-Dec. 17	Oct.16-Dec.12 Dec.18-Jan. 2	
4	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan.15-Jan.21	Nov.20-Jan.14	
5	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan.15-Jan.21 (Bucks Only)	Nov.20-Nov.28	
6	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan. 30	Nov. 20-Dec.5	Dec.11-Jan.23
7	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Jan. 17-Jan. 23	Oct.16-Oct.31 Nov. 20-Dec.5	Dec.11-Jan.16

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Area	Basic Season Dates	Total Days	Exceptions (Those portions of the following parishes)
1	Nov.20-21, 26-28 Dec.4-5, 11-12, 18-19	11	Nov.20-21, 26-28 (Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell) Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles), Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5,11-12 (Grant and Rapides)
2	Nov.6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12	13	Nov.6-7, 26-28 (Caldwell, LaSalle) Nov.6-7, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles)
3	Oct.16-17, 23-24, Oct.30-31, Nov.6-7, 20-21, 26-28	13	Oct.16-17, Nov.20-21, Dec.11-12 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.20-21, 26-28 (except East Carroll)	5	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.4-5, 11-12 (East Carroll--That portion between the Mississippi River Levee and the Mississippi River)
5	None		
6	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.4-5, 11-12, 18-19	11	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)

7	Oct.16-17, Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12, 18-19	11	
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E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex	Muzzleloader
Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Dec. 6 Dec. 21-23 Dec. 26-Jan.31	Nov. 1-3 Dec. 21-23 Dec. 26-30	Dec. 7-20 (Either Sex)

F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

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Picture of Louisiana duck Stamp

Louisiana 1999 Duck Stamp by Ron Louque. The print depicts a pair of snow geese. Stamps are available at all license outlets. Prints are available through art dealers.

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The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are considered to be in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

Pursuant to Act 169 of the 1988 regular session of the Legislature, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

A HUNTER'S PLEDGE

Responsible hunting provides unique challenges and rewards. However, the future of the sport depends on each hunter's behavior and ethics. Therefore, as a hunter, I pledge to

- Respect the environment and wildlife.
- Respect property and landowners.
- Show consideration for non-hunters.
- Hunt safely.
- Know and obey the law.
- Support wildlife and habitat conservation.
- Pass on an ethical hunting tradition.
- Strive to improve my outdoor skills and understanding of wildlife.
- Hunt only with ethical hunters.

By following these principles of conduct each time I go afield, I will give my best to the sport, the public, the environment and myself. The responsibility to hunt ethically is mine; the future of hunting depends on me.

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS

(SHOOTING HOURS: ONE-HALF HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE TO ONE-HALF HOUR AFTER SUNSET)

Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on WMAs or specific localities.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov. 13-Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct.2-Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct.2-Feb.13	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season

DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either-sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan 30	Nov. 20-Dec. 5 Jan. 10-Jan. 23	Dec. 11-Jan. 9
2	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 30-Nov. 5 Jan. 15-Jan. 21	Nov. 6-Dec. 10	Dec. 11-Jan. 14
3	Sept. 18- Jan.18	Oct. 9-Oct.15 Dec. 13-Dec. 17	Oct. 16-Dec. 12 Dec. 18-Jan. 2	
4	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan.15-21	Nov. 20-Jan. 14	
5	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 15-21 Bucks Only	Nov. 20-28	
6	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan. 30	Nov. 20-Dec. 5	Dec. 11-Jan.23
7	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 9-Oct.15 Jan. 17-Jan. 23	Oct. 16-Oct. 31 Nov. 20-Dec. 5	Dec. 11-Jan. 16

MODERN FIREARM EITHER-SEX SEASONS

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Oct. 16-17,23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21, 26-28
Allen	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 3: Oct. 16-17,23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21, 26-28
Ascension	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Assumption	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Avoyelles	Area 1: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 11-12
	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 26-28, Dec. 11-12
	Area 6: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 11-12
Beauregard	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 3: Oct. 16-17,23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21,26-28
Bienville	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Bossier	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Caddo	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Calcasieu	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 3: Oct. 16-17,23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21,26-28
Caldwell	Area 1: Nov. 20-21, 26-28
	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 26-28

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Cameron	Oct. 16-17,23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21,26-28
Catahoula	Nov. 20-21, 26-28
Claiborne	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Concordia	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
DeSoto	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
East Baton Rouge	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
East Carroll	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12 East of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, south of La. 580 to U.S. 65, west of U.S. 65 to Madison parish line.
	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, the remainder of the parish.
East Feliciana	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Evangeline	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Franklin	Nov. 20-21, 26-28
Grant	Area 1: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Iberia	Area 3: Oct. 16-17,23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21, 26-28
	Area 6: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12,18-19
	Area 7: Oct. 16-17, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 11-12
Iberville	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Jackson	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Jefferson	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Jefferson Davis	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 3: Oct. 16-17,23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21,26-28
Lafayette	Area 3: Oct. 16-17,23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21, 26-28
	Area 6: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Lafourche	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
LaSalle	Area 1: Nov. 20-21, 26-28
	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 26-28,
Lincoln	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Livingston	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Madison	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Morehouse	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 4: Nov. 20-21, 26-28
Natchitoches	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Orleans	Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 4: Nov. 20-21, 26-28
Plaquemines	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Pointe Coupee	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Rapides	Area 1: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 3: Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21, 26-28
	Area 6: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Red River	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Richland	Nov. 20-21, 26-28
Sabine	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Bernard	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
St. Charles	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
St. Helena	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
St. James	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
St. John	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
St. Landry	Area 3: Oct. 16-17, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 11-12
	Area 6: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 11-12
St. Martin	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
St. Mary	Area 6: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
	Area 7: Oct. 16-17, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 11-12
St. Tammany	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Tangipahoa	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Tensas	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Terrebonne	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 11-12
Union	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Vermillion	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21, 26-28
Vernon	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 3: Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21, 26-28
Washington	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Webster	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
West Baton Rouge	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
West Carroll	Closed
West Feliciana	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Winn	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12

OTHER HUNTING SEASONS

TURKEY

Please refer to separate pamphlet scheduled for publication in December 1999.

RACCOON AND OPOSSUM

No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire rifle, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle, or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

BLACKBIRDS AND CROWS

All blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered depredators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

PHEASANT

Nov. 13-Jan. 31. Bag limit 2 males only. Possession 4 males only. Pheasant season restricted to the following portion of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes:

That portion west of Choupique Bayou south of US 90 and LA 27, west of LA 27 to north boundary of Sabine NWR, north of Sabine NWR north boundary to Sabine River, east of Sabine River to Intracoastal waterway, south of Intracoastal waterway to Gum Cove, east of Gum Cove Road to LA 108, north and east of LA 108 from Gum Cove Road to US 90, and south of US 90 from Vinton to Choupique Bayou.

FALCONRY

Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species EXCEPT turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until Feb. 29. See LAC 76:V.301 for complete regulations.

LICENSED HUNTING PRESERVE

Oct. 1-Apr. 30 Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. See LAC 76:V.305 for complete regulations.

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and a \$.05 /acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow or muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer transported. Failure to do so is violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. New rules for DMAP were being developed as this document went to press. Cooperators are urged to consult with the local region office for updates concerning this program.

FARM RAISED WHITE-TAILED DEER AND EXOTICS ON SUPPLEMENTED SHOOTING PRESERVES (See LAC 76:XIX.111 for complete regulations).

Farm Raised White-tailed deer: (Bucks only unless otherwise specified)

Archery:	Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (either-sex)
Modern Firearms	Nov. 1-Dec. 6, Dec. 21-23, Dec. 26-Jan. 31.
Either-sex:	Nov 1-3, Dec. 21-23, Dec. 26-30

Muzzleloader:
Exotics :

Dec. 7-Dec 20 (Either-Sex)
Either-sex, no closed season.

HUNTING - GENERAL PROVISIONS

A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See page XXX for exceptions.

No person born on or after Sept. 1, 1969 shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years or older. For course information, call(225)765-2932 or any Region Office.

A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

TAKING GAME QUADRUPEDS OR BIRDS from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

METHODS OF TAKING RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND QUADRUPEDS

Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds.

Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than a .36 caliber.

During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated and will be strictly enforced.

Shotguns larger than a 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly.

Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

NUISANCE ANIMALS

Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria and beaver cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

Louisiana Black Bear, Louisiana Pearl Shell (Mussel), Sea Turtles, Gopher Tortoise, Ringed Sawback Turtle, Brown Pelican, Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Whooping Crane, Eskimo Curlew, Piping Plover, Interior Least Tern, Ivory-

billed Woodpecker, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Bachman's Warbler, West Indian Manatee, Florida Panther, Pallid Sturgeon, Gulf Sturgeon, Attwater's Greater Prairie Chicken, Whales and Red Wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

UNREGULATED QUADRUPEDS

Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, unmarked hogs where legal, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes and bobcats are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.

HUNTING AND/OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS ON PUBLIC ROADS

Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot-lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights-of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

TAGS

Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of the antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow, muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

SEX IDENTIFICATION

Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the state of Louisiana, or on all turkey taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has thus become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting and storing of migratory game birds:

RESTRICTIONS - No person shall take migratory game birds:

With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.

With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.

From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).

From or with the aid of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance or any aircraft, EXCEPT that paraplegic and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body which involves both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

From or by means of any motor boat or sailboat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.

By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.

Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.

By driving rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sailboat to put them in the range of the hunter.

By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

CLOSED SEASON

No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

SHOOTING OR HAWKING HOURS

No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting and hawking as prescribed.

DAILY BAG LIMIT

No person shall take in any one day more than one daily bag limit.

FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT

No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

WANTON WASTE

All migratory game birds shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

TAGGING

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

1. The hunter's signature
2. The hunter's address
3. The total number of birds involved, by species
4. The dates such birds were killed.

Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

POSSESSION OF LIVE BIRDS

Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

DRESSING

No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and band-tailed pigeons) and then transport the bird from the field. The head or one fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

SHIPMENT

No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (a) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (b) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent and (c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

IMPORTATION

For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between a port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in a foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (EXCEPT as required in 20.63), drawn and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP (DUCK STAMP)

The law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older must carry on his person a valid Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (federal duck stamp) signed in ink across the face. Hunters younger than 16 may voluntarily purchase a duck stamp and help preserve wetlands for waterfowl. Louisiana law requires that persons between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non residents 16 years of age and older have a valid state duck stamp, signed in ink across the face, in possession while hunting ducks, geese and coots. All residents hunting migratory game birds (doves, ducks, goose, woodcock, rails, snipe, coots or gallinules) in Louisiana must be HIP certified in addition to their appropriate licenses.

NONTOXIC SHOT REGULATIONS AND ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

No person shall take migratory game birds while possessing shot other than steel or other approved shot. This restriction applies only to ducks, geese, brant, swans and coots.

DUAL VIOLATION

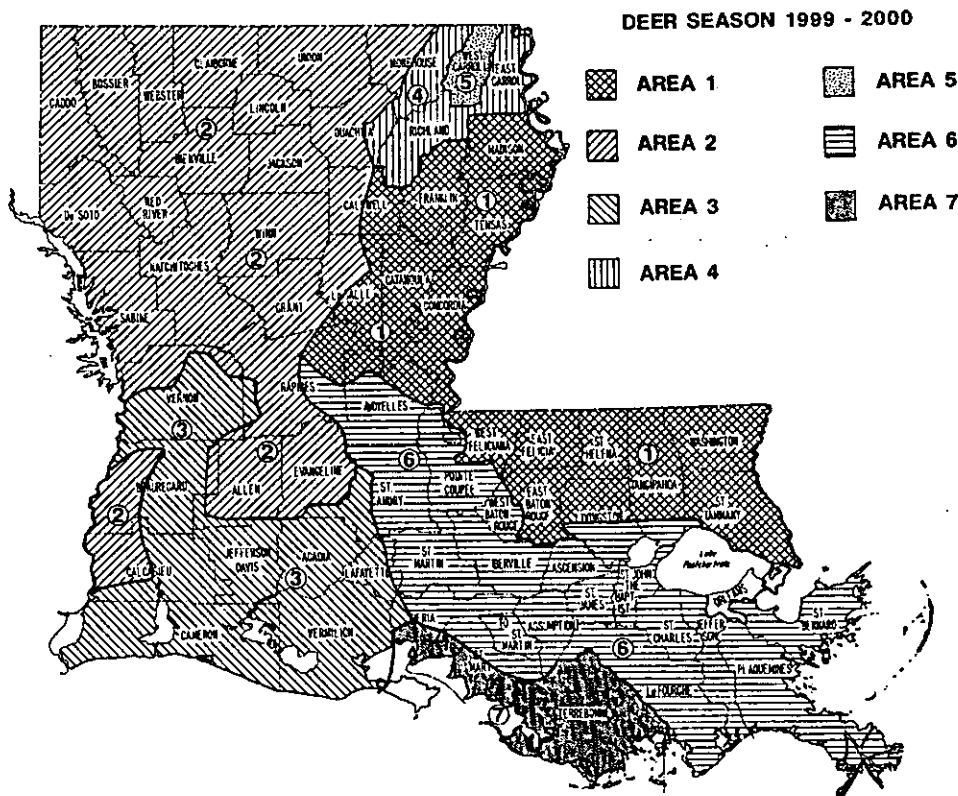
Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

REFERENCE

Federal regulations related to migratory game birds are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

CAUTION

More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal regulations, contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agent-In-Charge: Slidell (504) 257-7550; Denham Springs (225) 389-0360; Lafayette (318) 291-3100; Lake Charles (318) 437-7241; Monroe (318) 325-1735.



1999-2000 GENERAL DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS

- A. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.
- B. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited EXCEPT where specifically permitted.
- C. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, EXCEPT where otherwise permitted.
- D. Either-sex is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.
- E. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber center-fire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.
- F. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.
- G. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is

designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is permitted in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.

H. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

- I. **MUZZLELOADER SEGMENT:** (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special State, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons). Still hunt only. See page XXX for specific hunting area dates. Specific WMAs will also be open. Check WMA schedule for specific details. A muzzleloader license is required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non resident 16 years of age and older. *Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas.* It is unlawful to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. EXCEPT, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

Legal Muzzleloader Firearms for Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets, and be fitted only with iron sights or non-magnifying scopes EXCEPT persons 60 years or older may use magnified scopes. This includes muzzleloaders known as "in line" muzzleloaders.

- J. **ARCHERY SEGMENT:** Still hunting only Oct. 1-Jan. 31 in all deer hunting areas, EXCEPT Area 3, where the season will be Sept. 18-Jan. 18. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. An archery license is required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Residents 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. *Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting.* In such cases, archers must conform to the bucks only regulations. *Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA.* Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Pointe-au-Chien WMAs. (SEE WMA for details).

BOW AND ARROW REGULATIONS: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

IT IS UNLAWFUL:

1. To carry a gun including those powered by air or other means while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.
 2. To have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means EXCEPT that hand held releases are lawful.
 3. To hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.
 4. To hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared or laser sight.
- K. **HUNTER ORANGE:** Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a cap or a hat that is completely covered with hunter orange material in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer

from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not permitted by agreement of the landowner or lessee. **WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".**

- L. SPECIAL HANDICAPPED EITHER-SEX DEER SEASON ON PRIVATE LAND:** Oct. 9-10. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.
- M. SPECIAL YOUTH DEER HUNT:** AREAS 1,4, 5 and 6-Nov. 6-7; AREA 2- Oct. 23-24; AREAS 3 and 7- Oct. 2-3. Youth must be under the age of 16, must have completed a department approved hunter safety course, and must be accompanied by a licensed adult.

DESCRIPTION OF AREAS

**AREA 1 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGE 4-5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Catahoula	East Feliciana	St. Helena
Concordia	Franklin	Tensas
East Baton Rouge	Madison	Washington

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Avoyelles	North of LA 1.
Caldwell	East of US 165.
Grant	East of US 165 and south of LA 8.
LaSalle	Portion south of LA 8 from Little River eastward to LA 127 in Jena, east of LA 127 from Jena northward to US 165, east of US 165 from LA 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.
Livingston	North of I-12.
Rapides	East of 165 and north of Red River.
St. Tammany	All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.
Tangipahoa	North of I-12.
West Feliciana	All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

**STILL HUNTING ONLY
FOR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES**

- Avoyelles** That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by LA 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with LA 451.
- Catahoula** South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, west of LA 8 to LA 913, west of LA 913 and LA 15 to Deer Creek.
- East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge** East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to LA 10, north of LA 10 from Thompson Creek to LA 67 at Clinton, west of LA 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line. South of Mississippi state line from LA 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of LA 67 from LA 64 north to Parish line, south of Parish line from LA 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to LA 64, north of LA 64 to LA 37 at Magnolia, east of LA 37 northward to LA 64 at Indian Mound, north of LA 64 from Indian Mound to LA 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of LA 67 from Parish line north to LA 959, south of LA 959, east to LA 63, west of LA 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to Parish line, north of Parish line westward to LA 67.
- Franklin** All
- St. Helena** North of LA 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier, westward to LA 449, east and south of LA 449 from LA 16 at Pine Grove northward to LA 1045, south of LA 1045 from its junction with LA 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from LA 1045 southward to LA 16 at Montpelier.
- Tangipahoa** That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of LA 10 from the Tchefuncte River to LA 1061 at Wilmer, east of LA 1061 to LA 440 at Bolivar, south of LA 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from LA 440 southward to LA 10.
- Washington and St. Tammany** East of LA 21 from the Mississippi State line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from LA 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to LA 21. Also, that portion of St. Tammany Parish north of LA 22 from US 190 to LA 1077, east of LA 1077 northward to junction with US 190, south and west of US 190 from LA 1077 to junction with LA 22. Also, that portion of Washington Parish south of LA 10 from the Tchefuncte River, eastward to the Bogue Chitto River, west of the Bogue Chitto River from LA 10 southward to St. Tammany Parish. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of LA 25 from Mississippi state line southward to LA 38, then west to Tangipahoa Parish line north along the Parish line to the Mississippi state line then east to LA 25.
- West Feliciana** West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of US 61 and LA 966, east of LA 966 from US 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

**AREA 2 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES
SEE PAGE 4-5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Bienville	Jackson	Union
Bossier	Lincoln	Webster
Caddo	Natchitoches	Winn
Claiborne	Red River	
DeSoto	Sabine	

EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations; see page XXX, Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer, see page XXX and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen	North of US 190 east of Reeves and east of LA 113.
Avoyelles	That portion west of I-49.
Beauregard	East of LA 113. Also, west of LA 27 north to DeRidder and south and east of US 190 west of DeRidder to Texas State line.
Calcasieu	West of LA 27 north of Sulphur and north of US 90 from Sulphur to Texas State line.
Caldwell	West of US 165.
Evangeline	All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte.
Grant	All EXCEPT that portion south of LA 8 and east of US 165.
Jefferson Davis	North of US 190.
LaSalle	All EXCEPT south of LA 8 from Little River eastward to LA 127 in Jena, east of LA 127 from Jena northward to US 165, east of US 165 from LA 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.
Morehouse	West of US 165 (from Arkansas State line) to Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, west of LA 139 to junction of LA 593, west and south of LA 593 to Collinston, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and north of LA 134 to Ouachita Parish line.
Ouachita	All EXCEPT south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse Parish line.
Rapides	All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of US 165, south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill, and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to Parish line.

Vernon East and south of LA 113, north and east of LA 465, west of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas State line.

**STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING
PARISHES**

Claiborne and Webster Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

Ouachita East of Ouachita River.

Rapides West of US 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish line, north of Parish line westward to US 165, east of US 165 northward to US 167 at Alexandria. North of LA 465 from Vernon Parish line to LA 121, west of LA 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 to LA 118 (Mora Road), south and west of LA 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

Vernon East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to LA 465, east and north of LA 465 to Rapides Parish line.

**AREA 3 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES
SEE PAGE 4-5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen South of US 190 and west of LA 113.

Beauregard West of LA 113. Also, east of LA 27 north to DeRidder and north and west of US 190 west of DeRidder to Texas State line.

Calcasieu East of LA 27, north of Sulphur and south of US 90 from Sulphur to Texas state line.

Iberia West of US 90 and north of LA 14.

Jefferson Davis All EXCEPT north of US 190.

Lafayette West of I-49 and US 90.

Rapides South of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

St. Landry West of US 167.

Vernon West and north of LA 113, south of LA 465, east of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas State line.

**AREA 4 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES
SEE PAGE 4-5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

All of East Carroll and Richland Parishes are open.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Morehouse East of US 165 (from Arkansas State line) to Bonita, south and east of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, east of LA 139 to junction of LA 593, east and north of LA 593 to Collinston, east of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and south of LA 134 to Ouachita Line.

Ouachita South of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse Parish Line.

**AREA 5 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES
SEE PAGE 4-5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF WEST CARROLL PARISH IS OPEN.

All deer hunting is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

**AREA 6 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES
SEE PAGE 4-5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF ORLEANS PARISH IS CLOSED TO ALL FORMS OF DEER HUNTING.

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Ascension	Plaquemines	St. John
Assumption	Pointe Coupee	St. Martin
Iberville	St. Bernard	Jefferson
St. Charles	Lafourche	
St. James	West Baton Rouge	

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Avoyelles South of LA 1 and also that portion east of I-49.

Evangeline That portion east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte.

Iberia East of US 90.

Lafayette East of I-49 and US 90.

Livingston South of I-12.

Rapides South of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 of Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to Parish line.

St. Landry	East of US 167.
St. Mary	North of US 90.
St. Tammany	That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.
Tangipahoa	South of I-12.
West Feliciana	West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

**STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR
PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES**

Plaquemines	East of the Mississippi River.
Rapides	South of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to Parish line.
St. Bernard	All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou La Loutre.
St. John	South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to US 51, east of US 51 from Pass Manchac to LA 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of LA 638 from US 51 to Lake Pontchartrain, west of Lake Pontchartrain from LA 638 to Pass Manchac.
St. Landry	Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by LA 359, west by LA 10, and south by LA 103.

**AREA 7 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATE
SEE PAGE 4-5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

The following Parish is open:

Terrebonne

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Iberia and St. Mary Parishes

South of LA 14 and west of US 90.

1999-2000 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject the individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by the LDWF, they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

Wildlife Management Area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier 3:00 AM unless otherwise specified. Hunters must exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified. (NEW)

Lands within WMA boundaries will have same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt according to the regular season dates applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF regional office for additional information.

Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs is prohibited. Garbage and trash may be properly disposed of in designated locations if provided.

Disorderly conduct or hunting under the influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.

Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval.

Burning of the marsh is prohibited except by permit. (NEW)

Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region office.

Nature Trails - Access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material is prohibited.

Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations, includes both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals. (NEW)

PERMITS

DAILY

Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must check out daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

SELF-CLEARING PERMITS

On WMAs where Self-Clearing Permits are required all hunters must obtain a WMA Self-Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The **CHECK IN** portion **MUST** be completed and put in a permit box **BEFORE** each day's hunt on the day of the hunt. The **CHECK OUT** portion must be carried by each hunter while hunting and **MUST** be completed and put in a permit box **AFTER** each day's hunt on the day of the hunt unless otherwise specified.

WILD LOUISIANA STAMP

Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, must possess one of the following: a valid Wild Louisiana Stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

SPECIAL SEASONS

YOUTH DEER HUNT

Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed **EXCEPT** Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate Region Office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting area. Either-sex deer may be taken on the following WMAs during the dates specified: Oct. 23-24 on Boise Vernon, Georgia Pacific, Jackson-Bienville (portion), Loggy Bayou, Ouachita, Salvador/Timken, West Bay; Nov. 6-7 on Bens Creek (self-clearing permit required), Boeuf, Pearl River, Red River, Dewey Wills (south of Diversion Canal only), Sherburne and Spring Bayou; Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves and Camp Beauregard and Sabine WMAs will have a Youth Deer Hunt on Oct. 16-17.

HANDICAPPED SEASON

For hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunters Permit, Oct. 23-24, on West Bay and a portion of Jackson-Bienville; and Nov. 6-7 on Bens Creek (self-clearing permit required), Sherburne and a portion of Dewey Wills (north of Diversion Canal only). Participants must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Contact Region Office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves will have a Handicapped Deer Hunt on Oct. 16-17.

LOTTERY HUNTS, DEER

Bayou Macon and Buckhorn WMAs. Hunt restricted to those persons selected as a result of a pre-application lottery. Deadline for application is **Sept. 30, 1999**. A \$5 non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact Region Offices for applications. Hunters on Bayou Macon must check in to have permit validated at LA Hwy. 2 Permit Station. Hunters on both areas must check their deer out at a check station.

LOTTERY HUNTS, TURKEY

Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Deadline for applications is February 15, 2000. All turkeys must be reported at Self-clearing stations. Contact Region Offices for details. Consult separate turkey hunting regulations pamphlet for more details.

TRAPPING

Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at appropriate offices when required. Consult 1999-2000 Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the Region Office where the permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between the hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days at Region Offices. Hunter orange is required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office. (NEW)

RACCOON HUNTING

A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. **NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL RACCOON HUNTING.** All nighttime raccoon hunting where permitted is with dogs only. There is no bag limit. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the Region Office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of raccoon or all hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required, may be obtained at Region Offices only between the hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

COMMERCIAL FISHING

Permits are required of all commercial fisherman using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Dewey Wills WMA north of LA 28 in diversion canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-au-Chien WMAs EXCEPT commercial fishing on Pointe-au-Chien is allowed in Cutoff Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet. Commercial and recreational crawfishing on Sherburne WMA, South Farms, is by permit only. Permits available from the Region 6 office or Sherburne WMA headquarters.

SPORT FISHING

Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador/Timken and Pointe-au-Chien.

ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT LANDS

The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, Evangeline, St. Helena Parish and other parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. The following hunting seasons are applicable to these tracts. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries Region Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

DEER: Archery only. Same as outside.

DOVES: Same as outside EXCEPT on Elbow Slough which is open first split only and steel shot required.

QUAIL AND WOODCOCK: Same as outside.

RABBIT AND SQUIRREL: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

FIREARMS

Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas.

Firearms and bows and arrows are not permitted on WMAs during closed seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not permitted on WMAs EXCEPT during regular archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing.

Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

Loaded firearms are not permitted near WMA check stations.

Center-fire rifles and handguns larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season.

Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads, trails and their rights-of-way is prohibited during modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season. (NEW)

METHODS OF TAKING GAME

On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands the daily limit shall be one deer per day, six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included).

Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters from the beginning of archery season on the area until Feb. 29 and only with guns/ammunition or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting.

Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have the deer checked at the check station on the same day of the kill.

Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during the early still hunt season unless so specified.

Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after sunset each day.

A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after sunset. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after sunset. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds.

Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.

Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sailboat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress there from has ceased.

Spot-lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

The use of horses and mules is prohibited for hunting or trapping on WMAs EXCEPT for quail hunting or as otherwise specified. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and turkey and EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials on Sandy Hollow WMA.

All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters as well as hunters participating during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO, all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange."

ARCHERY SEASON FOR DEER: The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either-sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunts are in progress.

Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when Bucks-Only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by Bucks-Only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

MUZZLELOADER SEASON FOR DEER: See WMA deer schedule.

CAMPING

Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is permitted only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless of whether the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. (NEW)

On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive

days. Permits are required for overnight camping and mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre. Houseboat mooring permits are required for Atchafalaya Delta WMA. Permits may be obtained from headquarters or from the New Iberia office (318)-373-0032 for Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

Anyone camping on WMAs is required to have an operational waste disposal system attached to the camper, trailer, houseboat or other unit; or a portable waste disposal unit to remove from the WMA all human waste upon leaving the WMA camping area. Discharge of human waste from a container on a WMA is prohibited. Additionally it is against both Federal and State law to discharge human waste into the waterways of Louisiana. (NEW)

Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

Non-Compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

RESTRICTED AREAS

For your safety **ALL** oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

DOGS

All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting and, when allowed, bird dog training. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

VEHICLES

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within Wildlife Management Areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbances of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles. ATV tires are restricted to those with maximum allowable tire pressure of 5 psi, as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal Watercraft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft are allowed on portions of Alexander State Forest WMA. No internal combustion engines allowed on certain Green Tree Reservoirs. See WMA for specific details. (NEW)

Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps, EXCEPT on Atchafalaya Delta WMA where ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles are prohibited. This restriction does not apply to bicycles. WMA maps available at all Region Offices.

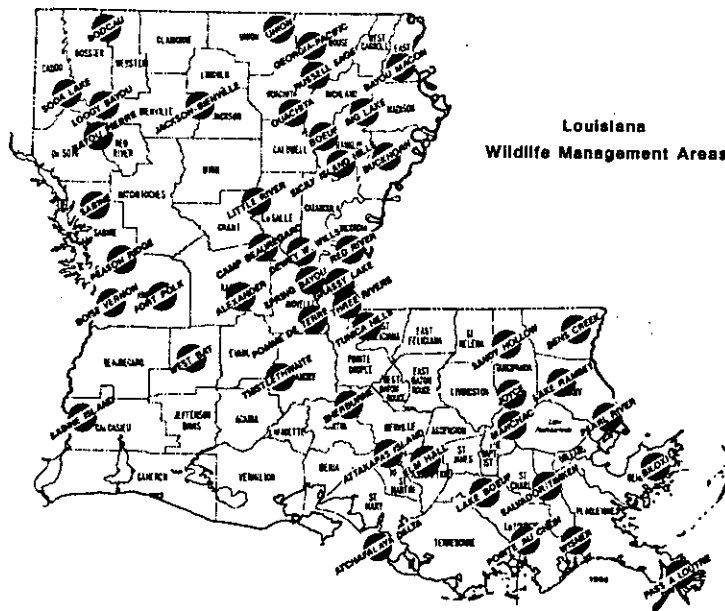
Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons is restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees are restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 70 years of age or older, with proof of age, are also permitted to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to Handicapped-Only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition or construction.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. *All roads* including trails and roads designated as ATV-Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through Sept. 15 and from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM unless otherwise specified. ATV off-road travel is prohibited permitted by sign on trail. Walk in only.

CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.



**1999-2000 SEASON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS
BASIC SEASON DATES**

SMALL GAME (SQUIRREL, RABBIT, QUAIL, DOVE, WOODCOCK, SNIPE, RAIL, AND GALLINULE)
Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons. EXCEPT Quail seasons closes Jan. 31 on Sandy Hollow and EXCEPT all small game hunting closed on Tunica Hills and Alexander State Forest during the muzzleloader season. No hunting on unharvested agricultural fields (not including food plots) prior to November 15 on Bayou Macon, Buckhorn, Red River, Sherburne and Ouachita WMAs. Consult the following WMA Hunting Schedules for exceptions or any other specific details. Also, see Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-au-Chien and Salvador/Timken for additional information. Unless otherwise specified under the specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited.

WATERFOWL (DUCKS, GEESE, AND COOTS)

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex seasons. Waterfowl hunting will be allowed on Bodcau and Salvador/Timken WMAs, Pintail Alley on Ouachita WMA, Pearl River south of Hwy. 90 and the South Farm Complex of Sherburne WMA during either-sex deer season. Hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited except on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-au-Chien and Salvador/Timken. Consult the specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs. Consult the following WMA Hunting Schedules for exceptions or any other specific details, including Lottery Waterfowl Hunt requirements for Red River and Sherburne WMAs.

HOGS

Unmarked hogs may be taken during any legal hunting season on designated WMAs by properly licensed hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress, beginning with opening of archery season and closing Feb. 29. On Dewey Wills WMA, consult the specific area for that portion of the WMA that allows hog hunting.

OUTLAW QUADRUPEDS AND BIRDS (COYOTES, ARMADILLOS, CROWS, BLACKBIRDS, STARLINGS, AND BEAVERS)

During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, incidental take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA.

**1999-2000 SEASON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
HUNTING SCHEDULES**

1. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST (Owner - Office of Forestry-LDAF - 8,092 Acres, Region 3):

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Oct. 30-31, Nov. 13-14, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex muzzleloader hunts for deer.

Waterfowl:

Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.
(Certain areas may be closed as posted).

Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreational areas.

2. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner - State of Louisiana - 137,000 Acres, Region 6):

Deer (Archery Only):

Oct. 1-Oct. 31, and during splits between regular duck season for the west zone and from the day after the regular duck season through Jan. 31. Main Delta only (Wax Lake Delta closed). No hunting in restricted areas. Special permit required from Atchafalaya Delta headquarters.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT shooting hours shall be ½ hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. during opening weekends of teal and duck seasons and ½ hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT beagles permitted for rabbits Nov. 1-Feb. 29. No hunting in restricted areas.

Trapping:

Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

3. ATTAKAPAS (Owner - State of Louisiana - 26,300 Acres, Region 6):

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, either-sex.

Dec. 18-Jan. 2, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Jan. 8-16, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

4. BAYOU MACON (Department Owned - 6,940 Acres, Region 2):

Deer:

Nov. 20-21, either-sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application Lottery. Hunters must check in at Hwy. 2 to have permit validated.

Archery:

All deer must be reported at Self-Clearing Station.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-3, either-sex. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-31. Self-Clearing Permit required.

All night activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

5. BAYOU PIERRE (Department Owned - 1,400 Acres, Region 1):

Waterfowl Refuge is closed to all hunting, trapping and fishing EXCEPT archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs.

Deer:

Oct. 1-Jan. 31, Archery only. Either-sex. Archery hunting for deer is allowed in the waterfowl refuge.

All Small Game:

Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

Waterfowl:

Entire area CLOSED for waterfowl hunting.

No ATVs or ATCs allowed on the area. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on parish roads and roads marked on WMA map.

6. BENS CREEK (Owner - Weyerhaeuser Co., Inc. - 13,500 acres, Region 7):

Area Closed:

Nov. 6-7, to all hunters EXCEPT Youth and Handicapped Hunters.

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters:

Nov. 6-7, entire area open to both groups. Permit required for Handicapped hunters must be obtained in advance from Region Office. Self-Clearing Permit required for youth and handicapped hunters.

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 28 and Dec. 11-Jan. 2, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Archery:

All deer killed must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 4-10 and Jan. 3-16, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm and youth hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. No hunting in restricted areas (See WMA map). Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

7. BIG COLEWA BAYOU (Department Owned - 910 Acres, Region 2):

Deer:

Archery only.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

ATV's restricted to designated trails. Refer to WMA map for location of designated trails. All other motorized vehicles prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited.

8. BIG LAKE (Department Owned - 19,221 Acres, Region 4):

Deer:

Nov. 26-27 either-sex, Daily Permit.
Nov. 28 and Jan. 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

9. BILOXI (Owner - Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation - 39,583 Acres, Region 7):

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT beagles permitted for rabbits when duck season is closed.

10. BODCAU (Owner - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 32,471 Acres, Region 1):

Deer:

Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, either-sex. Nov. 8-12, 15-19, 22-25, Nov. 29-Dec. 3, Dec. 6-10, bucks only.

Small Game:

Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

11. BOEUF -(Department Owned - 47,864 Acres, Region 4):

Area Closed:

Nov. 6-7, to all hunters EXCEPT for Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Nov. 6-7, either-sex.

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 28 and Jan. 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13. Dove hunting prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. No internal combustion engines and craft permitted in Green Tree Reservoir.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct 1-Feb. 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

12. BOISE-VERNON (Owner - Boise-Cascade Company - 54,269 Acres. Region 5):

Area Closed:

Oct. 23-24 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 23-24, either-sex.

Deer:

Oct. 30-31, either-sex. Daily Permit required. Nov. 1-24, bucks only. Nov. 26-28, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader:

Nov. 29-Dec. 5, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan.8-Feb. 13. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Waterfowl hunting after 2:00 PM prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-Feb. 13, Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.

13. BUCKHORN (Department Owned - 8,955 Acres, Region 4):

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Nov. 28, Jan. 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13. Dove hunting prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

14. CAMP BEAUREGARD (Louisiana National Guard - 12,500 Acres, Region 3):

Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self-Clearing permit required once per year at Range Central Building, telephone (318) 641-3355, 641-3365 or LDWF, Region III Office, telephone (318) 487-5885. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be reported on self-clearing checkout permit.

Area Closed:

Oct. 9-10 to all EXCEPT youth hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 9-10, either-sex, Daily Permit required. Permit available from Rifle Range Road Station only.

Deer:

Dec. 18-19 and Dec. 27-Jan. 2, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-5, either-sex Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside, EXCEPT closed during youth deer hunt. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

15. DEWEY W. WILLS (Formerly Saline)
(Department Owned - 60,276 Acres, Region 3):

Area Closed:

Nov. 6-7, to all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Handicapped Season:

Nov. 6-7, That portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal shall be open only to handicapped hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Nov. 6-7, That portion of the area south of the Diversion Canal shall be open to youth hunters only.

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 28 and Jan. 1-9, Bucks Only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-5, either-sex.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth/handicapped hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits

Jan. 17-Feb. 29 and squirrel hunting with dogs permitted from Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29 in fenced-in areas south and east of LA Hwy. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area south and east of Hwy. 28. Also, free ranging livestock EXCEPT hogs prohibited in fenced-in area north of LA Hwy. 28.

Crawfish:

Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.

16. ELM HALL (Department Owned - 2,839 Acres, Region 6):

Deer:

Nov. 26, either-sex. Nov. 27-28 and Dec. 11-19, bucks only.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm deer hunts and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

No ATVs allowed.

17. FORT POLK (Owner - U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service - 109,855 Acres, Region 5):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk, telephone 1-888-718-3029 or (318) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-Sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations.

***Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.** Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunting.htm.

Deer:

Oct. 30-Nov. 24, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit.

Nov. 26-28, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Dec. 6-17, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit.

Dec. 18-19, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit.

Dec. 20-24, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit.

Dec. 25-26, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit.

Dec. 27-Jan. 2, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 4-5, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required, Special Permit, Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open. Special Archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #7654. Either-Sex deer legal Sept. 18-Jan.- 18. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when Bucks-Only gun season is in progress.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 8-Feb. 13.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept. 18-Feb. 29.

Fishing:

Special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific lakes.

18. GEORGIA-PACIFIC (Owner - Georgia-Pacific Corporation - 25,480 Acres, Region 2):

Area Closed:

Oct. 23-24, to all hunters EXCEPT youth hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 23-24, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Deer:

Nov. 6-14 bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required. **Nov. 26-28**, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 4-5, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Dogs permitted for squirrel hunting **Jan. 17-Feb. 13**. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Beagles permitted for rabbits **Jan. 17-Feb. 29**.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30, Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

19. GRASSY LAKE (Department Owned - 13,297 Acres, Region 6):

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit required. **Nov. 28** and **Jan. 1-9**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Jan. 10-16, either-sex.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **Jan. 17-Feb. 29**.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Sport Fishing:

Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper.

Commercial Fishing:

Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou Headquarters or Opelousas Region Office.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1-Feb. 29**.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

20. JACKSON-BIENVILLE (Owner - Willamette Industries, et. al. - 32,000 Acres, Region 1): Self-Clearing Permits are required to hunt on Jackson-Bienville WMA EXCEPT when daily permits are required for the **Nov. 6-7** either-sex deer hunts.

ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management woods roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited from **March 1** through **Sept. 15**.

Area Closed:

Oct. 23-24, on designated portions. Closed to all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters:

Oct. 23-24, for handicapped and youth hunters only on a portion of Jackson-Bienville WMA. Contact Minden Region Office for Handicapped Permits and specific map. Handicapped Permit must be obtained in advance from any Region Office. All deer and hogs killed must be reported at Field Office on North Road.

Note: Daily Permits for the **Nov. 6** either-sex deer hunt will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on **Nov. 5** at the Field Office Daily Permit Check Station on North Road. Daily Permit Check Stations will be open at 4:30 a.m. **Saturday, Nov. 6**.

Deer:

Nov. 6-7, either-sex, Daily Permit required. **Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12**, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required. **Nov. 22-25, Dec. 13-Jan. 2**, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

All deer and hogs harvested **Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, Jan. 1-2** must be brought to the Field Office on North Road to be weighed, inspected, photographed and tagged. Wildlife Division personnel will be at the Field Office from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the days listed.

Archery:

Same as outside.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed **Oct. 23-24** (portion) and **Nov. 6-7**. Rabbits may be hunted with beagles **Jan. 17-Feb. 29**. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **Jan 17-Feb. 13**. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1-Feb. 29**. All hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station or Daily Permit Station.

21. JOYCE (Department Owned - 15,609 Acres, Region 7):

Deer:

Same as outside, still hunt only.

Muzzleloader:

Same as outside, still hunt only.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Swamp Walk:

Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

22. LAKE BOEUF (Department Owned - 786 acres, Region 7)

Hunting until 12:00 noon for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging.

Deer:

Archery only. Same as outside.

Small Game:

Same as outside.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1- Feb. 29.

23. LAKE RAMSEY (Department Owned - 800 Acres, Region 7):

Deer:

Archery only, either-sex. Oct 1-Jan 31.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Foot traffic only - All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

24. LITTLE RIVER (Department Owned - 3,277 Acres, International Paper, Corp.-887, Region 3):

Deer:

Nov. 6-14, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-5, either-sex.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 8-Feb. 13. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

25. LOGGY BAYOU (Department Owned - 4,213 Acres, Region 1):

Self-Clearing Permit required for all persons hunting on Loggy Bayou WMA EXCEPT when Daily Permits are required during the either-sex gun hunts for deer. Daily Permits will be available only from the Check Station at the campground.

Area Closed:

Oct. 23-24 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 23-24, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required. Refer to WMA General Regulations for hunt requirements. All other activities CLOSED.

Archery:

Oct. 1-Jan 31, EXCEPT closed Oct. 23-24 to all but Youth Hunters.

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, either-sex, Daily Permit required. Daily Permit available at main campground only.

Muzzleloader:

Nov. 29-Dec. 5, either-sex. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer and youth hunts. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and closed Nov. 26-28. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-Feb. 13, Self-Clearing Permit required.

26. MANCHAC (Department Owned - 8,325 Acres, Region 7):

Deer (Archery Only):

Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Steel shot required for rails, snipe and gallinules.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Crabs:

No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

27. OUACHITA (Department Owned - 8,745 Acres, Region 2):

Area Closed:

Oct. 23-24 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Waterfowl Refuge:

North of LA Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 23-24, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Dec. 18-Jan. 2, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits required.

Waterfowl:

South of LA Hwy. 15, same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during waterfowl season.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Oct. 1-16, Oct. 30-Nov. 14, Jan. 17-Feb. 6, Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

Crawfish:

April 1-May 31, 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight.

Commercial Fishing:

Closed.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

28. PASS-A-LOUTRE (Department Owned - 100,000 Acres, Region 8):**Waterfowl:**

Same as outside.

Archery:

Same as outside. Either-sex, Special Permit required from Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters.

Small Game:

Same as outside. Beagles permitted only when duck and archery seasons are closed.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Commercial Fishing:

Same as outside, commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA Map.

Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

29. PEARL RIVER (Department Owned - 34,896 Acres, Region 7):**Area Closed:**

Nov. 6-7 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Nov. 6-7, either-sex. All deer and hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station.

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 28 and Dec. 11-Jan. 2, bucks only. All deer and hogs killed must be reported at Self-Clearing Check Station.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 4-11, Jan. 3-16, either-sex. All deer and hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Check Station.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area. Closed north of US Hwy. 90 during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Oct. 2-17 and Jan. 17-30, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29. All hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station.

All roads closed 8 p.m. - 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet EXCEPT waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90.

No hunting in the vicinity of the Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs.

Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a \$5.00 fee.

30. PEASON RIDGE (Owner - U.S. Army - 33,488 Acres, Region 5):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk, telephone no. 1-888-718-3029 or (318) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-Sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. *Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers, or making

use of noises or noise making-devices is prohibited.
Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system.
Special federal regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued. (www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunting.htm).

Deer:

Nov. 6-Nov. 24, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits.
Nov. 26-28, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permits.
Dec. 6-17, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits.
Dec. 18-19, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permits.
Dec. 20-24, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits.
Dec. 25-26, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permits.
Dec. 27-Jan. 2, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 4-5, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permits required. Special Permits available at Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 8-Feb. 13.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

31. POINTE-AU-CHIEN (Department Owned - 30,037 Acres, Region 8):

Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified below. Point Farm: (Gate will be open during opening weekend of the second split of dove season and all weekends during the month of Feb.). No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches.

Deer:

Nov. 26-28 and Dec. 4-12, bucks only, EXCEPT no gun hunting allowed on Point Farm property (Archery only).

Archery:

Same as outside.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during duck season and gun hunts for deer. Point Farm property, same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during opening weekends of each dove season segment.

Dove:

Shooting hours same as outside season during opening weekends only of each season segment on Point Farm properties, otherwise morning hunting only.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 12 noon prohibited

All Other Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Recreational Fishing:

Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait.

Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only.

Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day.

Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish is for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. are prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue.

Vehicles are prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the Department.

32. POMME DE TERRE (Department Owned - 7,064 Acres, Region 6):

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 28 and Jan. 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Jan. 10-16, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbit Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13. Waterfowl hunting after 2:00 p.m. prohibited.

Commercial Fishing:

Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing Permits

available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou Headquarters.

Sport Fishing:

Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct 1-Feb. 29.

Crawfish:

Apr. 1-July 31, 100 pounds per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

33. RED RIVER (Department Owned - 24,326 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers - 11,717 Acres, Region 4):

Area Closed:

Nov. 6-7 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Nov. 6-7, either-sex.

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 28 and Jan. 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer and EXCEPT no hunting in unharvested agricultural fields.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Portions of area (Yaakey Farm) restricted to pre-application Lottery. Deadline for application is Sept. 24, 1999. Contact Region Office for details. Only waterfowl hunting allowed on Yaakey Farm.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited

Crawfishing prohibited on Yaakey Farms wetland restoration projects.

34. RUSSELL SAGE (Department Owned - 17,280 Acres, Region 2):

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Dec. 18-Jan. 2, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits required.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan 17-Feb. 13. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Oct. 1-16, Oct. 30-Nov. 14 and Jan. 17-Feb. 6, Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

Crawfish:

100 pounds per person per day limit.

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

Note: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (US 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

35. SABINE (Owner - International Paper Company, Boise-Cascade Co, Et Al - 14,780 Acres, Region 3):

Area Closed:

Oct. 16-17, to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 16-17, either-sex.

Deer:

Nov. 6-7, 26-28, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required. Nov. 8-24, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 11-12, 18-19, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunt for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29 and Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 8-Feb. 13. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan 17-30.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

36. SABINE ISLAND (Owner - State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board - 8,103 Acres, Region 5):

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 8-Feb. 13.

Deer:

Same as Area 2 Deer Season EXCEPT still hunt only.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-Feb. 13, Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

37. SALVADOR/TIMKEN (Department Owned - 30,600 Acres, Region 8):

Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging.

Area Closed:

Oct. 23-24 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 23-24, either-sex, no permit required, see Youth Deer Hunt regulations.

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, either-sex. Dec. 7-20, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 4-5, either-sex.

Archery:

Same as outside.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts and youth hunt for deer and EXCEPT beagles prohibited during duck and gun hunts for deer. Steel shot required for Gallinule

Waterfowl:

Same as outside.

Recreational Fishing:

Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes.

Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day.

Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 h.p. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie Du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited.

Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited.

Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans Region Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

38. SANDY HOLLOW (Department Owned - 3,397 Acres, Region 7):**Deer:**

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required. Nov. 28, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required. Dec. 11-26, bucks only. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Archery:

All deer killed must be reported at Self-Clearing Check Station.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbit hunting Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

Quail & Woodcock:

Same as outside EXCEPT Quail opens Nov. 15 (Monday) and closes Jan 31 and EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Dove:

Sept. 4 and Sept. 11-12 only of first split. Closed remainder of 1st split, second and third splits are same as outside EXCEPT Youth Hunt on Northern tract during the opening day of the first segment (Sept. 4). Hunt restricted to youths younger than 16 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside season EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Bird Dog Training:

Sept. 7-Nov. 13 and Feb. 1-March 2 EXCEPT restricted to that portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and EXCEPT blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

Bird Dog Field Trials:

Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office.

Horseback Riding:

Organized trail rides prohibited.

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas.

No motorized vehicles off designated roads.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

39. SHERBURNE (Department Owned - 11,780 Acres; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - 15,220 Acres; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 15,690 Acres, Region 6):

The area known as the South Farm is located on the East Side of Sherburne WMA. No hunting will be allowed EXCEPT waterfowl hunting within the levee system of the farm from the day after the Youth Deer Hunt until the day after waterfowl season closes including the Youth Waterfowl Hunt. Waterfowl hunting will be allowed by lottery only. Hunting will be allowed in the wooded portions east of the waterfowl impoundments. Consult the WMA maps for exact locations.

Area Closed:

Nov. 6-7 EXCEPT to Youth and Handicapped hunters.

Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt:

Nov. 6-7 either-sex, ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED. Permits for handicapped hunters must be obtained from Region Offices. Youth Permits must be obtained daily from WMA Permit Stations.

Deer:

Nov. 26-28 and Dec. 4-5, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Jan. 1-9, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader:

Jan. 10-16, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunt for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, & Gallinules:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited EXCEPT no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge and EXCEPT steel shot only on waterfowl impoundments. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to Lottery hunts only. All other hunting closed on South Farm complex Nov. 8-Jan. 25. Contact the Region Office for details and description of "South Farm."

Woodcock:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Dove:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer.

Quail:

CLOSED.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan 17-30, Permit required from WMA Headquarters or Opelousas Office.

Crawfishing:

April 1-July 31, Permits required for East Farms from Area Headquarters.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Vehicular traffic prohibited on East Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office, telephone (225) 765-2931. No trespassing in restricted areas behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

40. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (Department Owned - 7,464 Acres, Region 4):

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 28, Jan 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2:00 p.m. prohibited

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Firearms and any game harvested may not be transported through the area EXCEPT during the corresponding open season on area.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

41. SODA LAKE (Caddo Levee District - 1,300 Acres, Region 1):

Entire area is Walk-In only. No motorized vehicles allowed. Access into the area is allowed only from south end of the area off of Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

Deer:

Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex, archery only, walk-in only.

Sport Fishing:

Apr. 1-Aug. 31.

42. SPRING BAYOU (Department Owned - 12,078 Acres, Region 6):

Area Closed:

Nov. 6-7, EXCEPT to Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Nov. 6-7, either-sex.

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 28 and Jan 1-9, bucks only. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader:

Jan 10-16, either-sex. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer, EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in Refuge area during duck season. Beagles permitted for rabbits, Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

Commercial Fishing:

Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Sport Fishing:

Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Crawfish:

100 pounds per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor.

No hunting allowed in Headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area.

Rules and Regulations posted at campsite. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite.

Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

43. THISTLETHWAITE (Owner - Thistlethwaite Heirs - 11,100 Acres, Region 6):

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, either-sex, Daily Permit. Dec. 4-12, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 20-26, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA map).

All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only.

All users must enter and leave through Main Gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

44. THREE RIVERS (Department Owned - 23,222 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers - 1,085 Acres, Region 4):

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 28 and Jan. 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. is prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

45. TUNICA HILLS (Department Owned - 3,366 Acres, Region 7):

Muzzleloader:

Nov. 20-Dec. 5, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Archery:

Same as outside. All deer killed must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed Nov. 20-Dec. 5 and waterfowl hunting after 2:00 p.m. prohibited

Shotguns and muzzleloaders only north of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract).

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from
Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map.

Camping prohibited on area.

North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the public EXCEPT during open hunting season.

46. UNION (Owner - Plum Creek Timber Co., Louisiana Correctional Facilities Corp., et al - 12,852 Acres, Region 2):

Deer:

Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from
Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

47. WEST BAY (Owner - Boise-Cascade Co., Kirby Lumber Co., Quatre-Parish Co., et al - 62,115 Acres, Region 5):

Area Closed:

Oct. 23-24, to all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters:

Oct. 23-24, for handicapped and youth hunters only.

Permit for handicapped hunters must be obtained in advance from the Region Office. Youth Permits must be obtained from the Wolf Bay Camping Area Permit Station on Hwy. 112.

Deer:

Nov. 6-7, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 8-24, bucks only. Nov. 26-28, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader:

Nov. 29-Dec. 5, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 8-Feb.

13. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30, permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

48. WISNER (Owner - Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee - 21,621 Acres, Region 8):

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT rabbit season closed during open waterfowl season. Beagles permitted during closed waterfowl season.

**KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST
(EXCEPT Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District & Caney Ranger District)**

Deer:

Oct. 30-31, either-sex, muzzleloader

Nov. 6-7, either-sex, still hunt only.

Nov. 8-15, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only.

Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only.

Dec. 11, either-sex, with or without dogs.

Dec. 12, bucks only, with or without dogs.

Dec. 26-30, bucks only, with or without dogs.

National Forest lands within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District, described in still hunt only area shall be still hunt only.

**VERNON UNIT OF THE CALCASIEU
RANGER DISTRICT, VERNON PARISH
Excluding Fort Polk WMA**

Deer:

Oct. 30-31, either-sex, muzzleloader

Nov. 6-7, either-sex, still hunt only.

Nov. 8-15, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only.

Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only.

Dec. 11-12, bucks only, still hunt only.

Dec. 26-30, bucks only, still hunt only.

**CANEY RANGER DISTRICT, WEBSTER AND
CLAIBORNE PARISHES**

Deer:

Same as outside (Area 2) EXCEPT still hunt only.

***See Area 2 on page 5 for either-sex dates in Webster and Claiborne Parishes.**

All Other Game:

Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress.

The placing of seed, corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement for any species including hogs is prohibited on National Forest Lands, EXCEPT by Special Permit issued by the U.S. Forest Service. Hunting over such feed is prohibited on all National Forest lands.

Moving deer or hogs with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noise or noise-making devices is prohibited

**NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT PRESERVE**

(Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 36,000 Acres in Grant and Winn Parishes):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits required as indicated below:

Deer:

Oct. 16-17, either-sex, special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, Daily Permit. Special Permit must be obtained in advance from Forest Supervisor's Office.

Oct. 30-31, either-sex, muzzleloader.

Nov. 6-7, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT beagles permitted for rabbit. **Jan. 17-Feb. 29** only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

Squirrel:

Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **Jan. 17-Feb. 13**

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Dogs permitted **Jan. 17-30**.

All Other Game:

Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

**NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT PRESERVE**

(Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 38,000 acres in Natchitoches Parish):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits required as indicated below:

Deer:

Oct. 16-17, either-sex special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, Daily Permit. Special Permit must be obtained in advance from Forest Supervisor's Office.

Oct. 30-31, either-sex, muzzleloader.

Nov. 6-7, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT beagles permitted for rabbit. **Jan. 17-Feb. 29**, only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

Squirrel:

Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **Jan. 17-Feb. 13**.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Dogs permitted **Jan. 17-30**.

All Other Game:

Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360, telephone (318) 473-7160. Office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**CORPS OF ENGINEERS - INDIAN BAYOU
AREA (18,000 Acres within St. Landry Parish):**

Annual Hunting Permit required. Permits may be obtained from Corps of Engineers Headquarters, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577, telephone (318) 585-0854 or 585-0853 for more information.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Area Closed:

Nov. 6-7, EXCEPT to youth and handicapped hunters.

Youth & Handicapped Hunters Deer Hunt:

Nov. 6-7, either-sex. ALL OTHER SEASONS
CLOSED.

All Other Deer Hunting:

Self-Clearing Deer Tag Required. Daily Limit-1
Deer; Yearly Limit-4 Deer (2 Does; 2 Bucks, 6-
Points or better) EXCEPT spikes less than 3
inches legal on either-sex days ONLY.

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, either-sex.
Dec. 4-5, either-sex.
Dec. 18-26, bucks only:

Muzzleloader:

Nov. 13-19, either-sex.
Jan. 24-30, bucks only.

Archery:

Same as outside season.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex

modern firearm hunts for deer. Dogs permitted for
squirrels Dec. 29-Jan. 23. Dogs permitted for
rabbits Jan. 31-Feb. 29.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail & Gallinule:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either -
sex modern firearm hunts for deer and hunting
after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts
for deer. Additional Permit required for night
hunting.

Crawfishing:

Feb. 1-Aug. 31 Additional Permit required,
available Jan. 1.

Dove and Woodcock:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex
modern firearm hunts for deer.

Quail:

Closed.

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✓Soil and Water Conservation ✓Recreation ✓Aesthetics
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For details contact

LDAF
Pat Beard
225-925-4500



LDWF
Laura Cox
318-343-4044

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Doves	Sept., Oct., Dec.-Jan.	15	30
Snipe	Nov. -Feb.	8	16
Woodcock	Dec. -Jan.	3	6
Teal (Blue-Winged, Green-Winged, Cinnamon)	Sept.	4	8
King & Clapper Rails	Sept. Nov. -Dec.	15 In the Aggregate	30
Sora & Virginia Rails	Sept. , Nov. -Dec.	25 In the Aggregate	25 In the Aggregate
Gallinules	Sept. ; Nov. -Dec.	15	30

Anyone hunting migratory birds (dove, snipe, woodcock, rails, gallinules, ducks, geese and coots) will be required to have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) Permit. The HIP Permits can be obtained, free of charge, from any licensed vendor upon completion of a short questionnaire.

Shooting Hours

1. Teal, Rail, Gallinule, Snipe and Woodcock: One-Half Hour before sunrise to sunset.
2. Dove: One-Half Hour before sunrise to sunset EXCEPT on Sept. 5-6, Oct. 17-18, and Dec. 12-13 when shooting hours will be 12 noon to sunset.

MAP, PERMIT AND ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION

For enforcement information on regulations call Region 1 at (318) 371-3049; Region 2 at (318) 343-2417; Region 3 at (318) 487-5634; Region 4 at (318) 757-3072; Region 5 at (318) 491-2588; Region 6 at (318) 948-0257; Region 7 at (225) 765-2999; Region 8 at (504) 568-5616 and Region 9 at (504) 447-0821.

Requests for information on maps, permits and WMAs may be directed to any Region or Fur and Refuge Office: Region 1, P.O. Box 915, Minden LA 71055, telephone (318) 371-3050; Region 2, 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe LA 71203, telephone (318) 343-4044; Region 3, 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville LA 71360, telephone (318) 487-5885; Region 4, P.O. Box 426, Ferriday LA 71334, telephone (318) 757-4571; Region 5, 1213 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles LA 70601, telephone (318) 491-2575; Region 6, 5652 Hwy. 182, Opelousas LA 70570, telephone (318) 948-0255; or Region 7, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge LA 70898-9000, telephone (225) 765-2360; New Orleans Fur and Refuge (504) 568-5885; New Iberia Fur and Refuge (318) 373-0032, Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge (318) 538-2276.

**1999-2000 LICENSE FEES AND INFORMATION
MANDATORY HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING**

All persons born on or after September 1, 1969, must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to purchase a Basic Hunting License.

NEW: Non-residents may purchase recreational fishing and hunting licenses by telephone using Visa or MasterCard. Call toll free: (888) 765-2602.

RESIDENT HUNTING FEES	<u>Prices</u>
1. Basic Season (Excluding Big Game)	\$10.50
2. Big Game (Required of all deer and turkey hunters in addition to basic license)	\$10.50
3. Bow License	\$10.50
4. Muzzleloader License	\$10.50
5. Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp (State Duck Stamp)	\$5.50
6. Universal License(Res. Fishing, Saltwater, Basic Hunting, Big Game, Bow, Muzzleloader)	\$53.00
7. Wild Louisiana Stamp	\$5.50
8. Louisiana Wild Turkey Stamp (Required of all Turkey hunters in addition to basic and big game licenses)	\$5.50
9. Wild Louisiana Stamp (1 Day)	\$2.00
10. Harvest Information Program Stamp	Free

All persons hunting migratory game birds (doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, rails, snipe, coots or gallinules) in Louisiana must be HIP certified in addition to their appropriate licenses.

NON-RESIDENT HUNTING FEES	
1. Basic Season (Excluding Big Game)	\$86.00
2. 5-Day Trip (Excluding Big Game)	\$51.00
3. Non-Resident All Game (Basic Hunting and Big Game)	\$160.50
4. Non-Resident All Game-Trip (5 days) (Basic Hunting and Big Game)	\$95.50
5. Bow License	\$25.50
6. Muzzleloader License	\$25.50
7. Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp (State Duck Stamp)	\$13.50
8. Non-Resident Migratory Game Bird (3-Day Trip)	\$45.50
9. Louisiana Wild Turkey Stamp (Required of all turkey hunters in addition to basic and big game licenses)	\$10.50
10. Harvest Information Program Stamp	Free

All persons hunting migratory game birds (doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, rails, snipe, coots or gallinules) in Louisiana must be HIP certified in addition to other appropriate licenses.

LIFETIME LICENSE FEES

Lifetime hunting and lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses include basic hunting, big game hunting, muzzleloader, bow hunting, state waterfowl stamp, and turkey stamp.

1. Resident Hunting; Age 14 and older	\$300.00
Under age 14	\$200.00
2. Resident Combination Hunting & Fishing; Age 14 and older	\$500.00
Under age 14	\$300.00
3. Resident Fishing; Age 14 and older	\$300.00
Under age 14	\$200.00
4. Non-Resident Hunting & Fishing	\$3,000.00

OTHER FEES (For applications please call (225-765-2898))

Commercial Hunting Preserve (pen-raised birds only);
Expires June 30

\$200.00

Game Breeder

(Raising and selling wild game birds and/or wild game quadrupeds);

Expires December 31

\$25.00

EXCEPTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

- A. The following recreational fishermen and hunters are not required to obtain a basic recreational fishing license, saltwater license, basic hunting license, big game license or migratory waterfowl conservation stamp, but must have proof of age in their possession whenever fishing or hunting:
 1. Residents 60 years of age or older
 2. Residents and non-residents younger than 16 years of age
- B. The following recreational fishermen and hunters, upon identification and proof of eligibility satisfactory to the Department, shall be issued a basic recreational fishing license, saltwater license, basic hunting license and big game license without payment of any fees:
 1. A resident who is a VETERAN of the armed forces or Louisiana National Guard, having a permanent SERVICE CONNECTED disability classification of fifty percent (50%) or more. Must submit form signed by parish service officer.
 2. A resident who is blind, paraplegic or is a multiple amputee. Must submit doctors statement.
- C. Persons in the armed forces of the United States on active military duty and the resident dependents shall for licensing purposes, be given resident privileges.
- D. No person born on or after Sept. 1, 1969, shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.
- E. Any citizen of this state on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and who is assigned to an active duty post located outside the State of Louisiana shall not be required to obtain a license or pay a fee to hunt and fish while visiting in the state, provided that he has in his possession proper written evidence that his absence from his active duty assignment is authorized. This exemption shall not apply to the migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp. This includes all non-commercial hunting and fishing licenses and recreational gear licenses.

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES
POSSESSION TAG FOR RESIDENT GAME**

No person shall give, put or leave resident game animals or birds at any place or with another person unless the resident game animals or birds or parts of the resident game animals or birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

Hunter's Name _____
Hunter's Address _____
Basic License No. _____ Big Game License No. _____
Parish Taken _____
Date Taken _____
Species _____ No. _____ Sex of Deer: Buck _____ Doe _____

Tags shall be attached, secured to or enclosed with the part or parts. Failure to comply with tagging regulations may result in citations issued. Consult Hunting Regulations Pamphlet (R.S. 56:124-125).

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**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES
POSSESSION TAG FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS**

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory birds at any place or with another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunters with the following information:

Hunter's Name _____
Hunter's Address _____
Date Killed _____
Hunter's Signature _____

Species	Number	Species	Number
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Failure to comply with tagging regulations may result in citations issued. Consult Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations Pamphlet (50 CFR 20.36).

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES
POSSESSION TAG FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS**

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory birds at any place or with another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunters with the following information:

Hunter's Name _____
Hunter's Address _____
Date Killed _____
Hunter's Signature _____

Species	Number	Species	Number
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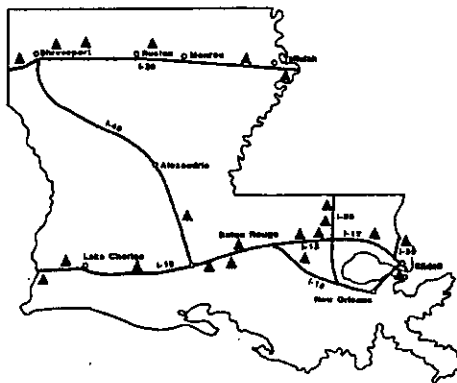
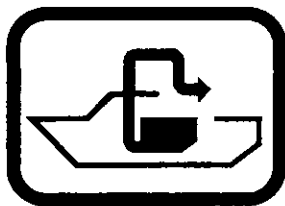
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▲-indicates rest areas with sewage disposal station

CLEAN WATER-LIFE DEPENDS ON IT

Clean water is important to all of us. In one form or another, almost every living thing depends upon clean water to survive. One important way for boaters and fishermen to help protect and improve the quality of our waters is to eliminate the discharge of sewage.

Sewage discharges, whether from an on-board toilet or "head," or from the careless dumping of a portable toilet, are both highly unsightly and unhealthy. Sewage can ruin areas for swimming, water skiing and other sports. Sewage also contains large amounts of disease carrying bacteria and viruses. Those microorganisms can contaminate shellfish beds and productive fishing areas. As a result, affected shellfish are unfit for human consumption, and decaying sewage can seriously degrade fishing opportunities by depleting the oxygen level in the water.

What You Can Do?

1. Use shore-side toilet facilities before going out on the water.
2. Dispose of waste from portable toilets or on-board sewage holding tanks properly at marine pump out stations or roadside sewage dump stations.

MARINA OWNERS/OPERATORS

Boaters can legally and properly dispose of waste only at roadside (rest area) RV dump stations or at properly installed and operated marine pump out and dump stations. Some marinas already have such facilities and boaters use them regularly.

To assist marinas with the cost of installing such facilities, Congress passed the Clean Vessel Act of 1992. The Act is administered in Louisiana by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, which will reimburse marinas owners/operators up to 75 percent of the cost of installing or renovating approved disposal facilities. To help with operational costs, marina may charge up to \$5.00 per use for facilities built or maintained with Clean Vessel Act funds. For further information, please contact: Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Socioeconomic Section, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, or call 225/765-2868.

BOATERS

Both federal and state laws prohibit the discharge of untreated sewage into inland waterways or coastal waters within three miles of shore.

Recreational vessels with toilets installed are required to have a properly operating Coast Guard certified Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) in operation. Although MSDs may be equipped with a Y-valve that allows the discharge of sewage in offshore waters, those valves must be secured and locked in a closed position anytime the vessel is operating in U.S. territorial waters.

Portable toilets are not classified as installed toilet facilities and are not subject to MSD certification or regulation. It is illegal to empty any portable toilet into the waterway.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET - NEW ORLEANS AREA
Central Standard Time (Add one hour when on Daylight Savings Time)

	SEPT.		OCT.		NOV.		DEC.	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
DAY	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1	5:37	6:23	5:53	5:46	6:14	5:14	6:38	5:00
2	5:38	6:22	5:54	5:45	6:15	5:13	6:39	5:00
3	5:38	6:21	5:55	5:44	6:15	5:12	6:40	5:00
4	5:39	6:19	5:55	5:42	6:16	5:11	6:41	5:00
5	5:39	6:18	5:56	5:41	6:17	5:10	6:41	5:00
6	5:40	6:17	5:56	5:40	6:18	5:10	6:42	5:00
7	5:40	6:16	5:57	5:39	6:19	5:09	6:43	5:00
8	5:41	6:15	5:58	5:38	6:19	5:08	6:44	5:01
9	5:41	6:13	5:58	5:37	6:20	5:08	6:44	5:01
10	5:42	6:12	5:59	5:35	6:21	5:07	6:45	5:01
11	5:42	6:11	5:59	5:34	6:22	5:07	6:46	5:01
12	5:43	6:10	6:00	5:33	6:23	5:06	6:46	5:01
13	5:44	6:08	6:01	5:32	6:23	5:05	6:47	5:02
14	5:44	6:07	6:01	5:31	6:24	5:05	6:48	5:02
15	5:45	6:06	6:02	5:30	6:25	5:04	6:48	5:02
16	5:45	6:05	6:03	5:29	6:26	5:04	6:49	5:03
17	5:46	6:03	6:03	5:28	6:27	5:04	6:50	5:03
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20	5:47	6:00	6:05	5:25	6:29	5:02	6:51	5:04
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24	5:49	5:55	6:08	5:21	6:33	5:01	6:53	5:06
25	5:50	5:53	6:09	5:20	6:33	5:01	6:54	5:07
26	5:51	5:52	6:09	5:19	6:34	5:01	6:54	5:08
27	5:51	5:51	6:10	5:18	6:35	5:01	6:54	5:08
28	5:52	5:50	6:11	5:17	6:36	5:00	6:55	5:09
29	5:52	5:49	6:12	5:16	6:37	5:00	6:55	5:10
30	5:53	5:47	6:12	5:15	6:37	5:00	6:56	5:10
31			6:13	5:14			6:56	5:11

	JAN.		FEB.		MAR.		APR.	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
DAY	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
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2	6:56	5:12	6:50	5:38	6:25	6:00	5:49	6:19
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23	6:55	5:30	6:33	5:55	6:01	6:13	5:25	6:32
24	6:55	5:31	6:32	5:56	6:00	6:14	5:24	6:33
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SUNRISE AND SUNSET CONVERSION TABLE FOR OTHER AREAS

For the other areas listed, add the number of minutes shown in the monthly table below to the daily figures given in the New Orleans Area table above. This will furnish central standard time sunrise and sunset figures for any particular day in these areas.

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Oct.	11	10	5	4	7	8	13	12	9	7	16	14
Nov.	12	8	5	3	8	7	13	12	11	4	18	11
Dec.	13	7	5	3	8	7	13	12	13	2	21	10
Jan.	13	7	6	3	8	7	13	11	13	2	20	10
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**Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge
1999 - 2000 Proposed Hunt Schedule**

Species:	Turkey
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	To Be Determined at a Later Date
Bag Limit:	2 per License Year
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	Squirrel (No Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Oct. 2 - Dec. 17 (Closed During Deer Gun Hunts)
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	Squirrel (With / Without Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Dec 20 - Jan 31
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	Rabbit (No Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Oct. 2 - Dec. 17 (Closed During Deer Gun Hunts)
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	Rabbit (With / Without Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Dec 20 - Jan 31
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

Species: Raccoon
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Dec 20 - Jan 31
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: Oct 30 - Jan 31
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: Youth
Season: Nov 13 - 14
Bag Limit: One Deer per Day
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure Proof of Hunter Education Required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: Limited Youth
Season: Dec 28 - 30
Bag Limit: One Deer per Day
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure Proof of Hunter Education Required
Significant Changes: One Day Added

Species: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: Muzzleloader
Season: Nov 29 - Dec 3
Bag Limit: One Deer per Day
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: General Gun - 1
Season: Nov 26 - 27
Bag Limit: One Deer Per Day
Permit: Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)
Significant Changes: None

Species: **Either-Sex Deer**
Type Hunt: **General Gun - 2**
Season: **Dec 18 - 19**
Bag Limit: **One Deer Per Day**
Permit: **Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)**
Significant Changes: **None**

Species: **Waterfowl**
Type Hunt: **General Gun**
Season: **Tues. Thur. Sat. Sun. Until Noon During
Regular State Season. Closed During Gun
Hunts For Deer**
Bag Limit: **State Limits Apply**
Permit: **Season Permit on Brochure**
Significant Changes: **None**

Species: **Waterfowl**
Type Hunt: **Limited Youth**
Season: **State Youth Waterfowl Day**
Bag Limit: **State limits Apply**
Permit: **Season Permit on Brochure Proof of Hunter
Education Required**
Significant Changes: **New**

Species: **Hogs**
Type Hunt: **General Gun and Archery**
Season: **Open during squirrel, rabbit, and archery
season. Closed during general gun hunts,
muzzleloader hunt, turkey season. Daylight
hours only.**
Bag Limit: **State Limits Apply**
Permit: **Season Permits on Brochure**
Significant Changes: **None**

Species: **Woodcock**
Type Hunt: **General Gun**
Season: **Dec 20 - Jan 31**
Bag Limit: **State Limits Apply**
Permit: **Season Permit on Brochure**
Significant Changes: **None**

LAKE OPHELIA NWR
PROPOSED HUNTS FOR 1999/2000

SMALL GAME (Squirrel & Rabbit, no Dogs)

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: First Saturday in October through 31 October 1999
and during refuge waterfowl hunt season
(Tues, Thur, Sat, Sun).

Significant Changes: Open during waterfowl season.

SQUIRREL & RABBIT (DOG SEASON)

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 15 January to 06 February 2000

Significant Changes: Open two weeks earlier and end rabbit &
squirrel on same date.

ARCHERY DEER

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 01 November 1999 through 31 January 2000 (closed
during refuge youth shotgun and muzzleloader deer
hunts.

Significant Changes: Increase in days from 48 to 83 days.

YOUTH SHOTGUN DEER HUNT

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 06-07 November 1999

Significant Changes: NONE

MUZZLELOADER

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 04-05, 07-09, 11-12, December 1999.

Significant Changes: Days opened decreased from nine to seven and
bag limit reduced from one deer per day to
one deer per hunt.

Lottery - 400 permits per hunt

WATERFOWL

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: Tue, Thur, Sat, Sun during the second split of
the state waterfowl season.

Significant Changes: NONE

WOODCOCK & SNIPE

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 18 December 1999 to 31 January 2000.

Significant Changes: Increased open days from 37 to 50.

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Name	Title	Date

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Name	Title	Date

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Name	Title	Date

CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
Proposed Hunts For 1999-2000

Ken Hays
Assistant Manager

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and unmarked hog
Type Hunt: Gun (.22 rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
Season: First day of State season through October 31
Bag Limit: State Regulations
Significant Changes: None

Species: Deer and unmarked hog (squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon incidental)
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulation (either-sex)
Permits: Season permit and daily bag report
Significant Changes: None

SMALL GAME SEASON

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Days open	28	29
Visits	365	464
Hours Hunted	835	1187
Squirrels	334	1112
Rabbits	0	5
Raccoons	24	25
Hogs	1	0

ARCHERY DEER SEASON

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Days open	101*	123
Visits	318	444
Hours Hunted	1183	1480
Deer	8	7
(Sex)	(2D, 6B)	(3D, 4B)
Cripples	0	0
Hogs	4	7

* Season closed 22 days early due to flooding.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Ave. wt.</u>	<u># Points</u>
2	½ yr	55 lbs	BB, -
3	2 ½ yr	143 lbs	8, -, -
1	4 ½ yr	210 lbs	8
1	5 ½ yr	225 lbs	9

Note: All ages and weights estimated by hunters sign-out sheets.

**SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1999-00 PROPOSED HUNTING REGULATIONS**

SPECIES:	Early Teal (September)
TYPE HUNT:	General Gun
SEASON:	Morning until noon on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday during Louisiana season for the Western Zone
BAG LIMIT:	Same as State
PERMITS:	Required
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:	None

SPECIES:	Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots, and Geese)
TYPE HUNT:	General Gun
SEASON:	Morning until noon on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday during Louisiana season for the Western Zone
BAG LIMIT:	Same as State
PERMITS:	Required
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:	None

SPECIES:	Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots, and Geese)
TYPE HUNT:	Youth Hunt
SEASON:	Same as State
BAG LIMIT:	Same as State
PERMITS:	Required
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:	None

Ben Mjenn 3-2-99

Proposed Hunt Dates: Delta NWR 1999-2000

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex)

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck seasons, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Rabbit: From the day after the state duck season closes through February 28⁹. Shotguns only, nontoxic shot only.

Hogs: May be taken during the deer archery hunt.

Recommended By: Howard Portwine 2/24/99
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: _____
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: Don 2/24/99
Louisiana Department of Wildlife Date
and Fisheries

Proposed Hunt Dates: Bogue Chitto NWR (Louisiana) 1999-2000

- Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex), January 1-16 (either sex)
- Deer: General Gun Hunt--November 26-27 (either sex), November 20-25, November 28, December 18-26 (Bucks only)
Still hunt only, no dogs permitted during refuge deer hunts.
- Squirrel: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Non-toxic shot only.
- Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Non-toxic shot only.
- Raccoon: January 17 - February 29 (with dogs)
- Turkey: State season (gobblers only)
- Waterfowl: State season until noon
- Woodcock: State season. Non-toxic shot only - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.
- Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge deer archery and general gun hunts. Additionally: from January 17 - February 29, hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during daylight hours only. All hogs must be killed prior to removal from the refuge.

Possession of lead shot during refuge small game hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: Howard Portwine 2/24/99
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: _____
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: MAH 3-2-99
Louisiana Department of Wildlife Date
and Fisheries

Proposed Hunt Dates: Big Branch Marsh NWR 1999-2000

Deer: Archery--State season

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck season, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Snipe: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Woodcock: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge archery hunt.

Possession of lead shot during all refuge hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: Howard Portenit 2/24/99
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: _____
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: LDH 3-2-99
Louisiana Department of Wildlife Date
and Fisheries

Lee R. Fulton

D'ARBONNE AND UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES
PROPOSED SEASONS, 1999-2000* **

Species: Waterfowl
Season: Mornings only during State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: Adding geese to list of species

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, quail, woodcock,
Type Hunt: General -- dogs allowed for squirrel
and rabbit hunting after the last
refuge deer gun season
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

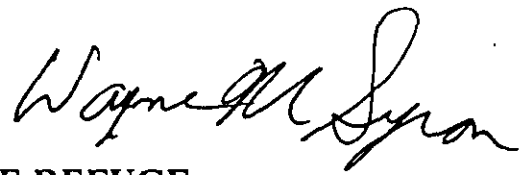
Species: Raccoon and opossum
Type Hunt: General
Season: December only (may also take raccoons and
opossum during rabbit season)
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer
Type Hunt: General (gun, archery)
Season: November 13-14, November 26-28/7
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

* the refuge hunting brochure serves as the required permit

** beaver, coyote and feral hog may be taken during any of the
above seasons



**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 1999/2000 SEASON**

Migratory Game Birds

Species:	Waterfowl.
Type Hunt:	General gun.
Season:	Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons (including early teal and youth hunt) for western zone.
Bag Limit:	Same as state bag limits.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	None.

Hunting of geese, ducks and coots is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted Wednesday through Sunday.
2. Hunting ends at noon each day.
3. Hunters may not enter the hunting area before 4 am.
4. Hunting is not permitted within 50 yards of a canal or waterway.
5. Hunters must use and be in possession only of shells containing Federally approved non-toxic shot and firearms legal for hunting waterfowl.
6. Only portable blinds are permitted. Blinds must be spaced a minimum of 150 yards apart.
7. Decoys may not be set to attract waterfowl after noon each day.
8. Decoys and blinds must be removed from the refuge by the last day of each season and each split of a split season.
9. Hunting is not permitted during the goose-only portion of the waterfowl season.
10. Motorized boats may be used only in canals and bayous. Access into the marsh and ponds is permitted by walking, poling, paddling or rowing.
11. Hunters may scout in the hunting area from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset during the week prior to each season.

**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 1999/2000 SEASON**

Big Game

Species:	Deer, either sex.
Type Hunt:	Archery.
Season:	October 1 through 31.
Bag Limit:	One deer of either sex per day.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	None

Hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted from October 1 through October 31.
2. Only archery hunting is permitted.
3. Permanent deer stands not permitted. Portable stands must be removed by October 31.
4. No person may possess or distribute bait or hunt over bait.
5. No firearms allowed.
6. Hunters may scout from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset prior to the season.
7. All boats are prohibited in Lacassine Pool and Unit A after October 15. The following boat access restrictions apply: Lacassine Pool - boats with motors of 25 hsp. or less from Oct. 1 - 15; Unit A - boats without motors from Oct. 1 - 15; Canals and Bayous outside Lacassine Pool - no limitation on motors Oct. 1 - 31; and Marshes outside Lacassine Pool - boats without motors Oct. 1 - 31.

**BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
(Proposed) 1999-2000 HUNT SCHEDULE**

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

RABBIT AND SQUIRREL

General Gun

Oct. 2 - Nov. 5

Jan. 22 - Feb. 6, 2000

State Regulations

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

Archery

Nov. 6 - Nov. 26

Dec. 3 - Jan. 21, 2000

State Regulations

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

General Gun (Youth Hunt)

Nov. 27 - 28

State Regulations

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

Muzzleloader

Nov. 29 - Dec. 2

State Regulations

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

WOODCOCK

General Gun

Jan. 22 - Jan. 31, 2000

State Regulations

General Permits

None

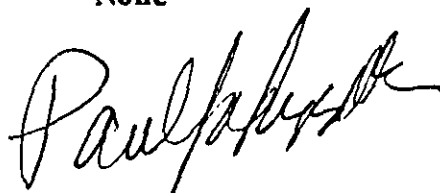
3/2/99 Thomas J. Brown, Asst. Refuge Supervisor

**CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1999 HUNT SEASON**

Species:	Either-sex deer
Type hunt:	Archery
Season:	All dates of October
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Season permits required
Other requirements:	Must have proof of completion for the International Bowhunters Education Program.
Stands:	Only portable stands may be used And must be removed by October 31 of each year.
Firearms:	None are allowed
Check stations:	All deer harvested must be checked at a self-clearing check station.
Significant changes:	None

Youth Waterfowl Hunt: 1999

Species:	Waterfowl (ducks & geese)
Type hunt:	Limited Youth (up to 2) accompanied by an adult. 5 blinds hunted/day
Season:	Selected Saturdays of Louisiana west zone duck season. Possibly 1 - 2 days during Thanksgiving & Christmas school holidays.
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	One day permits to be issued through lottery drawing.
Other requirements:	All youth and adult participants must have proof of completion of Louisiana hunter education course or accepted state hunter education course.
Firearms:	Shotguns with approved non-toxic shot.
Significant changes:	None



SPECIAL AREAS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

SEASON FRAMEWORK FOR BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE (BAFB) AND LOUISIANA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT (LAAP)

The following is the regular special hunting season framework for both areas. The seasons are set by their wildlife consultants and the respective base commanders.

Barksdale Air Force Base (BAFB) Bossier Parish - All seasons are to be set within the outside dates
EXCEPT: All deer seasons are either-sex.

Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant (LAAP) Bossier and Webster Parish - All seasons are to be set within the outside season dates EXCEPT: All deer seasons are either-sex.

AVERY ISLAND DEER SEASONS

Area 7 season dates but either-sex the entire season.

FMHA TRACTS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

HUTCHISON CREEK WMA/PROPOSED REGULATION 1999-2000

Small Game and Turkey: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only for rabbits.

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1 - Jan. 31.

No camping area.

HUNTING SEASON ON ELBOW SLOUGH

Dove hunting is allowed the same as outside for the first split only. Steel shot is required since the area is a waterfowl refuge. No other hunting is allowed at this time.

MARSH BAYOU AND WALNUT HILL WMA 1999-2000 HUNTING SEASON

Marsh Bayou and Walnut Hill WMA

Small game - same as State seasons and regulations.

Marsh Bayou WMA

Deer same as Area 2 deer seasons EXCEPT still hunting only

Walnut Hill WMA

Deer same as Area 3 deer seasons.

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

The Department requests the Commission approve a special either-sex deer season for the Camp Avondale Scout Reservation in East Feliciana Parish:

November 6-8, November 13-14, 1999.

Purpose of the Scout Hunt

There are 2 primary reasons for the Scout Deer Hunt on the Avondale Boy Scout Reservation:

1. To provide some quality outdoor recreational opportunities for the Scouts, and to promote a close father/son activity.
2. To provide a biological control of the deer herd. Without some type of hunting the deer herd will continue to expand beyond the ability of the range to support it. Overpopulation will result in deterioration of the range and decline in herd health.

Background

Most of East Feliciana Parish has a late deer rut occurring from mid-December to early January. When the Scout hunt was first initiated 15 years ago it was conducted late in the year. The resulting kill was very low despite high deer populations. A number of years later Department Biologist, Dave Moreland discovered and was able to document the deer herd in the Avondale area had very early rut similar that encountered in western Louisiana. It was determined there is a small area near Clinton which exhibits the odd early rut.

For a number of years the Department designated an earlier opening season zone for this small area which enabled hunters to take advantage of the early rut. Several years ago a group of local landowners circulated a petition requesting this deer hunting season area be moved back into the later zone and be similiar to that of the rest of the parish. No significant objection was heard from most other landowners in the small zone, and after being warned most of the rut would be over before the season even started, the Department went ahead and moved the small block back into the later Area 1 zone. Special Commission approval has been obtained to hold an early hunt on the Scout Reservation ever since.

Need for the Special Season

The purpose of the Avondale Scout Reservation is to provide a place for as much Scouting activity as possible to be conducted. The Scout Office is concerned when a gun hunt is held on the Reservation, as all other Scouting activities must be shut down

during the hunt for obvious safety and liability reasons.

Understandably, the Scout Office is reluctant to shut the Reservation down any longer than absolutely necessary to adequately control the deer population. Therefore, it is necessary to shoot the deer herd as hard as possible in the shortest period of time. Deer activity and movement is at its highest during the rut. This is why we want to schedule Reservation hunt during the rut when the deer are most active and vulnerable to harvest.

As previously stated, the deer rut on the Avondale Scout Reservation has been documented to occur the first two weeks of November. This is before the Area 1 season opens.

A special Commission approved early season allowing the Boy Scout Office to control the deer herd on Avondale Scout Reservation is requested.

1999-2000 Hunting Regulations
Notable Changes

Statewide

Delayed the opening of the Area 2 deer season until the first Saturday in November. (Nov. 6)

Statewide Youth Deer Hunt- The weekend prior to regular gun deer season in each deer area.

Unmarked hogs added to the list of Unregulated Quadrupeds.

Persons 60 and older may use magnifying scopes during special muzzleloader season.

New still hunting only area in northwest Washington parish.

Wildlife Management Areas

Entry hours for hunting are: enter no earlier than 3:00AM and exit no later than 2 hours after sunset.

Hunter must wear a Hunter Orange Cap in addition to 400 square inches of hunter orange during gun hunts for deer.

No overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire.

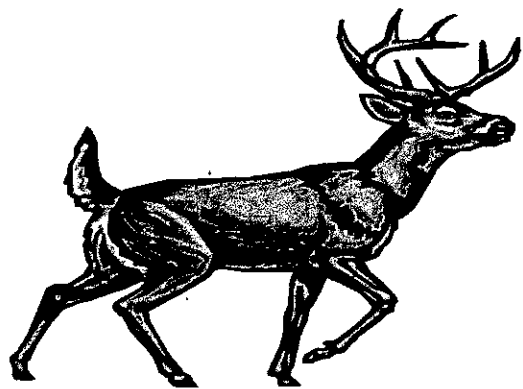
Campers are required to have an operational waste disposal system and remove all human waste from the WMA.

Personal water craft are prohibited on WMAs and Refuges.

Recommended Changes

Requires a vote of the Commission to adopt these changes

- 1 WMA entry hours for hunting no earlier than 3 00 AM no later than 2 hours after sunset
- 2 Statewide Youth Deer Hunt Areas 1 4 5 6 Nov 6 7
Area 2 Oct 23 24
Areas 3 7 Oct 2 3
- 3 Persons 60 and over may use a magnifying scope during the special muzzleloader season
- 4 Unmarked Hogs are added to the unregulated quadrupeds list and may be taken during daylight hours where legal
- 5 Privately owned property completely surrounded by a WMA may hunt the same as property outside the WMA Landowners deciding to exercise this option must belong to DMAP
- 6 Tunica Hills 2000 acre addition from Dept of Corrections will be closed to the public except during the open hunting season Only shotguns and muzzleloaders may be used for small game



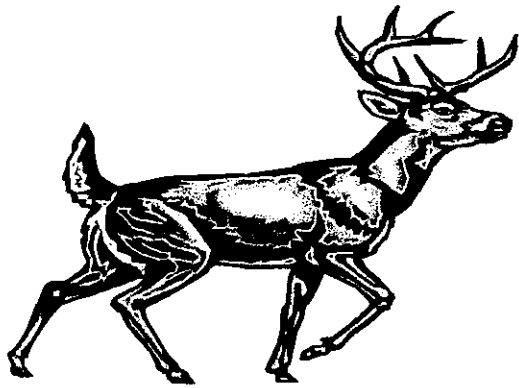
LOUISIANA HUNTERS AGAINST POACHERS
L.A.H.P.

Proposal

For

1999 / 2000

Hunting Season



**LOUISIANA HUNTERS AGAINST POACHERS
L.A.H.P.**

June 14, 1999

Department of Wildlife & Fisheries:

L. H. A. P. was formed in 1985 due to the poaching activities in our area. After its organization, we began to monitor all the hunting violations and held all our local officials accountable to uphold the laws. Since our beginning, poaching in our area has dropped because we have taken the political pressure off of all involved.

L. H. A. P. represents 2,477 hunters belonging to 44 clubs. They have leased 269,283 acres from land owners in 10 parishes in Area 6. These hunters are mostly plant workers and farmers. It is necessary for these individuals to plan for the hunting season some 6 to 12 months in advance.

For 26 years from 1959 to 1986 the hunting seasons with or without dogs opened the Friday after Thanksgiving Day. During this period our young hunters are out to school and get to enjoy our great state and one of the sports it has to offer.

From 1987 to the present, 13 years, the hunting seasons with or without dogs opened on the first Saturday in December. All planned vacations have to change and the young hunters have lost a lot of the hunting days because of school.

The new proposal of opening the Dog Hunting Season on the second weekend of December concerns us because once again we have to start changing our hunting plans. Our young hunters, their dads and other sportsmen feel that they have been overlooked in this new proposal. Hunting is a sport that places our youth in a healthy environment, reinforces the family nucleus, and allows them to enjoy a natural beauty of our great state. If there is no consistency to hunting season, we will begin to loose the family hunting tradition in Area 6.

Sincerely,

L. H. A. P. Committee Members

Hunter Against Poachers

Forky Deer Hunting Club 12 Hunters 1,200 Acres Iberville, Parish	Southern Atchafalaya Sportsmen Club 50 Hunters 10,000 Acres Assumption, Parish
R & W Hunting Club 150 Hunters 16,000 Acres Tangipahoa, Parish	LPG Hunting Club 75 Hunters 21,600 Acres St. James, Parish
St. Philip Hunting Club 57 Hunters 5,100 Acres St. James & St. John, Parish	Belmont Hunting Club 32 Hunters 4,635 Acres St. James, Parish
New Sharpy Hunting Club 50 Hunters 4,000 Acres St. John, Parish	Garyville Hunting Club 60 Hunters 4,635 Acres St. John, Parish
Bayou Sec Hunting Club 40 Hunters 5,100 Acres Assumption, Parish	Pierre Part Hunting Club 300 Hunters 25,000 Acres St. Mary & Assumption, Parish
Loflin Hunting Club 20 Hunters 8,500 Acres Ascension, Parish	Live Oak Hunting Club 50 Hunters 9,200 Acres Livingston, Parish
Tattoo Hunting Club 40 Hunters 5,000 Acres St. John, Parish	Panama Hunting Club 35 Hunters 2,500 Acres Ascension, Parish

Lake Ridge Hunting Club 50 Hunters 5,00 Acres Ascension Parish	8 Point Hunting Club 60 Hunters 5,000 Acres St. John, Parish
Burton Hunting Club 75 Hunters 6,700 Acres St. James & Assumption, Parish	Mullin Swamp Hunting Club 95 Hunters 8,000 Acres St. Helena, Parish
Macaroy Hunting Club 50 Hunters 15,000 Acres Ascension & St. James, Parish	New River Hunting Club 30 Hunters 5,000 Acres Ascension, Parish
Tupelo-Friendly Hunting Club 50 Hunters 2,393 Acres Ascension, Parish	Mississippi Hunting Club 10 Hunters 3,000 St. John, Parish
Temberton Hunting Club 25 Hunters 6,000 Acres Ascension, Parish	Monte Gore Hunting Club 5 Hunters 500 Acres Ascension, Parish
Sorrento Hunting Club 14 Hunters 400 Acres Ascension, Parish	Gerald McClury Hunting Club 10 Hunters 300 Acres Ascension, Parish
10 Point Hunting Club 12 Hunters 2500 Acres Ascension, Parish	St. James Deer Hunting Club 100 Hunters 5,100 Acres St. James & Lafourche, Parish
Red Top Hunting Club 24 Hunters 6,000 Acres Ascension & St. James, Parish	Capt. Thomas Hunting Club 26 Hunters 3,000 Acres St. James, Parish

Supreme Hunting Club 150 Hunters 7,000 Acres Lafourche, Parish	Bell Rose Hunting Club 200 Hunters 12,000 Acres Assumption, Parish
Old Bayou Hunting Club 12 Hunters 2,200 Acres Lafourche, St. James, Parish	Lafourche Hunting Club 15 Hunters 1,100 Acres Lafourche, Parish
White Castle Hunting Club 150 Hunters 16,000 Acres Iberville, Parish	Grand Point Hunting Club 27 Hunters 3,500 Acres St. James, Parish
Emerald Hunting Club 10 Hunters 7,200 Acres St. Mary, Parish	Vacherie Hunting Club 50 Hunters 7,000 Acres St. James, Parish
Delia Hunting Club 30 Hunters 2,000 Acres Assumption, Parish	Maywood Hunting Club 16 Hunters 2,000 Acres Assumption, Parish
Citiman Hunting Club 35 Hunters 1,755 Acres LeFourche, Parish	Joe Bourgeois Hunting Club 25 Hunters 3,800 Acres St. James, Parish
Romeville Hunting Club 30 Hunters 6,000 Acres St. James, Parish	St. Philip Hunting Club 50 Hunters 6,000 Acres St. James, Parish

Hunting Seasons

59 - 60 Area 9 58 Days Nov. 14 - Jan. 10	67 -68 Area 1 40 Days Nov. 24 - Dec. 17 (Split) Dec. 26 - Jan. 10 (With or Without Dogs)
60 - 61 Area 20 48 Days Nov. 24 - Jan. 8	68-69 Area 1 43 Days Nov. 23 - Dec. 6 (Split) Dec. 15 - Jan. 12 (With or Without Dog)
61 -62 Area 15 39 Days Nov. 24 - Dec. 18 (Split) Dec. 26 Jan. 28 (Inclusive with or without dogs)	69-70 Area 1 40 Days Nov. 22 - Dec. 14 (Split) Dec. 26 - Jan. 11 (With or Without Dogs)
62 - 63 Area 13 34 Days Nov. 23 – Dec. 10 (Split) Dec. 26 - Jan. 10 (With or Without Dogs)	70-71 Area 1 46 Days Nov. 21 - Dec. 20 (Split) Dec. 26 - Jan. 10 (With or Without Dogs)
63 -64 Area 17 39 Days Nov. 29 - Dec. 21 (Split) Dec. 26 - Jan. 10 (With or Without Dogs)	71 -72 Area 1 44 Days Nov. 20 - Dec. 19 (Split) Dec. 27 - Jan. 9 (With or Without Dogs)
64 -65 Area 1 40 Days Nov. 27 - Dec. 20 (Split) Dec. 26 - Jan. 10 (With or Without Dogs)	72 -73 Area 1 Nov.18 - Dec. 3 (Split) Dec.26 - Jan. 27 (With or Without Dogs)
66 -67 Area 1 40 Days Nov. 25 - Dec. 18 (Split) Dec. 26 - Jan. 10 (With or Without Dogs)	73 - 74 Area 1 40 Days Nov. 23 - Dec. 13 (Split) Dec. 26 - Jan. 13 (With Without Dogs)

<p>74 -75</p> <p>Area 1 46 Days</p> <p>Nov. 23 - Dec. 15 (Split) Dec. 21 - Jan. 12 (With or Without Dogs)</p>	<p>81 - 82</p> <p>Area 1</p> <p>Nov. 27 - Dec. 13 (Split) Dec. 19 - Jan. 23 (With or without Dogs)</p>
<p>75 -76</p> <p>Area 1 50 Days</p> <p>Nov. 15 - 18 (Still Hunting Only)</p> <p>Nov. 22 - Dec. 14 (Split) Dec. 20 - Jan. 11 (With or Without Dogs)</p>	<p>82 -83</p> <p>Area 1 53 Days (Either Sex)</p> <p>Nov. 6 - 14 (Still Only) (4 Days)</p> <p>Nov. 26 - Dec. 5 (Split) Dec. 18 - Jan. 20 (With or Without Dogs)</p>
<p>76 -77</p> <p>Area 1 56 Days</p> <p>Nov. 13 -21 (Still Only)</p> <p>Nov. 26 - Dec. 12 (Split) Dec. 18 - Jan. 16 (With or Without Dogs)</p>	<p>83 -84</p> <p>Area1 54 Days (Either Sex)</p> <p>Nov. 5 - 13 (Still Only) (4 Days)</p> <p>Nov. 25 - Dec 4 (Split) Dec. 17 - Jan. 20 (With or Without Dogs)</p>
<p>77 - 78</p> <p>Area 1 56 Days</p> <p>Nov. 12 - 20 (Still Only)</p> <p>Nov. 25 - Dec. 11 (Split) Dec.17 - Jan. 15 (With or Without Dogs)</p>	<p>84 - 85</p> <p>Area 1 56 Days (Either Sex)</p> <p>Nov. 10 - 18 (Still Only) (4 Days)</p> <p>Nov. 23 - Dec. 2 (Split) Dec. 15 - Jan. 20 (With or Without Dogs)</p>
<p>78 -79</p> <p>Area 1 56 Days</p> <p>Nov. 11 - 19 (Still Only)</p> <p>Nov. 24 - Dec. 10 (Split) Dec. 16 Jan. 14 (With or Without Dogs)</p>	<p>85 -86</p> <p>Area 1 53 Days (Either Sex)</p> <p>Nov. 22 - 28 (Still Only) (4 Days)</p> <p>Nov. 29 - Dec. 15 (Split) Dec. 21 - Jan. 19 (With or Without Dogs)</p>
<p>79 -80</p> <p>Area 1 56 Days (Either Sex)</p> <p>Nov. 10 - 18 (Still Only) (4-Days)</p> <p>Nov. 23 - Dec. 9 (Split) Dec. 15 - Jan. 13 (With or Without Dogs)</p>	<p>86 -87</p> <p>Area 1 53 Days (Either Sex)</p> <p>Nov. 22 -30 (Still Only) (4 Days)</p> <p>Dec. 6 - Jan 18 (With or Without Dogs)</p>
<p>80 - 81</p> <p>Area 1 51 Days (Either Sex)</p> <p>Nov. 15 - 23 (Still Only) (4-Days)</p> <p>Nov. 28 - Dec. 14 (Split) Dec. 20 - Jan. 13 (With or Without Dogs)</p>	<p>87 -88</p> <p>Area 1 53</p> <p>Nov. 21 - 29 (Still Only)</p> <p>Dec. 5 - Jan. 17 (With or Without Dogs)</p>

<p>88 - 89</p> <p>Area 1</p> <p>Nov. 26 - Dec.2 (Still Only)</p> <p>Dec. 3 - 11 (Split) Dec. 17 - Jan. 21 (With or Without Dogs)</p>	<p>93 -94</p> <p>Area 6 59 Days</p> <p>Nov.20 - 28 (Still Only)</p> <p>Nov. 29 - Dec. 3 (Muzzleloader)</p> <p>Dec. 4 - Jan. 17 (With or Without Dogs)</p>
<p>89 -90</p> <p>Area 1 56 Days (Either Sex)</p> <p>Nov. 18 -26 (Still Only) (5 Days)</p> <p>Dec. 2 -8 (Muzzleloader Only)</p> <p>Dec. 9 - Jan. 17 (With or Without Dogs)</p>	<p>94 -95</p> <p>Area 6 (Either Sex 5 Days)</p> <p>Oct. 1 - Jan. 22 Archery</p> <p>Nov. 19 - Dec. 2 (Still Only)</p> <p>Dec. 3 - 9 (Muzzleloader Only)</p> <p>Dec. 10 - Jan. 22 (With or Without Dogs)</p>
<p>90 -91</p> <p>Area 1 60 Days (Either Sex)</p> <p>Nov. 10 -25 (Still Only) (5 Days)</p> <p>Dec. 1 - 7 (Muzzleloader Only)</p> <p>Dec. 8 - Jan. 13 (With or Without Dogs)</p>	<p>95-96</p> <p>Area 6</p> <p>Nov. 18 - Dec. 1 (Still Only)</p> <p>Dec. 9 - Jan. 21 (With or Without Dogs)</p>
<p>91 -92</p> <p>Area 1 58 Days</p> <p>Nov. 23 - Dec. 1 (Still Only)</p> <p>Dec. 7 - Jan. 19 (With or Without Dogs)</p>	<p>96 -97</p> <p>Area 6 (Either Sex 6 Days)</p> <p>Oct. 1 - Jan. 31 (Archery)</p> <p>Nov. 9 - 15 (Muzzleloader Only)</p> <p>Nov. 16 - Dec. 1 (Still Only)</p> <p>Dec. 7 - Jan. 19 (With or Without Dogs)</p>
<p>92 -93</p> <p>Area 1 58 Days</p> <p>Nov. 21 - 29 (Still Only)</p> <p>Dec 5 - Jan. 19 (With or Without Dogs)</p>	<p>97 -98</p> <p>Area 6 (Either Sex 9 Days)</p> <p>Oct. 1 - Jan 31 (Archery)</p> <p>Nov. 15 -21 and Jan. 26 - Feb. 1 (Muzzleloader Only)</p> <p>Nov. 22 - Dec. 5 (Still Only)</p> <p>Dec. 6 - 14 (Split) Dec. 20 - Jan. 25 (With or Without Dogs)</p>

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Area 6

Oct. 1 - Jan. 31 (Archery)

Nov. 14 - 20 and Jan. 25 - 31

(Muzzleloader Only)

Nov. 21 - Dec.4 (Still Only)

Dec. 5 - 13 (Split) Dec. 19

Jan. 24 (With or Without Dogs)

Hunting Season Proposal

Dog Hunting Season to begin the Friday after Thanksgiving Day with two splits in the season. The first split would come the Monday after Thanksgiving , and it would last for five days. The second split would come after the second weekend in December, and it would last for five days. Then the Dog Hunting Season would end on second to last Sunday in January. All other types of hunting will remain the same.

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July 7, 1999

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Col. Winton J. Vidrine
Chief, Enforcement

SUBJECT: D-Map Proposed Rule Change

Over the course of the last week, I have been involved in several debates where the proposed rule change regarding the providing of keys to locked gates served as the main topic. It seems as though several of the vocal minority believe that this has become a fourth amendment issue wherein they are being told that they must give up privacy rights and the right of unreasonable search by providing us with keys to private property. I believe that it is important for everyone involved in this issue to understand that the courts have spoken on this issue several times with the bottom-line recognizing that Game Wardens represent the public trust doctrine of the State Constitution which identifies the safeguarding of the fish and wildlife resource for the benefit of the people as compelling. The State of Louisiana Vs. McHugh (attached) recognizes that under the property laws of the state, wildlife is owned by the state and are not subject to private appropriation.

The question that needs to be answered in this issue is not whether we have the right to enter upon private property to check persons engaged in hunting, rather, it is to establish the least intrusive way that we accomplish this task. This issue is further compounded by the D-Map Program which allows a, otherwise illegal, activity to exist behind these locked gates. I believe the courts would

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reinforce our "Special Interest" in visiting and inspecting hunters who are engaged in this program because of the extended privileges bestowed on these individuals in harvesting the State's Wildlife Resources.

The privilege in question here is not whether the Agent has the right to enter upon private property, it is the activity being bestowed upon certain individuals for their guarantee to comply with special regulations that are necessary to protect the State's wildlife resources. Constitutional provisions demand that we, Agents, vigorously enforce these regulations which we find impossible without cooperation from the very participants we are extending the privilege to. In every other permitted activity this Department involves itself with, where illegal actions are being made legal, special provisions are set in place that guarantee our oversight. In all other of these activities further steps, than exist in D-Map are taken to insure that all individuals authorized to exercise the privileges of the permit are responsible law abiding people. Not so in D-Map, we allow many people, some who have extensive criminal records, to participate as members of D-Map Clubs and to exercise the privileges of the permit.

We realize that most D-Map participants are good law abiding sportsmen who have achieved great results by complying with D-Map regulations. But, history tells us there are many when given the opportunity would violate the law, especially when they believe they are protected by a locked gate.

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Attachment

Regular Session, 1999

ACT 13

HOUSE BILL NO. 1564

BY REPRESENTATIVES JOHN SMITH, DEWITT, DOWNER, MCMAINS,
DIEZ, CRANE, AND SCHNEIDER AND SENATORS DARDENNE,
EWING, HAINKEL, BARHAM, AND SCHEDLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:53, 54, 55, and 55.2, relative to wildlife
enforcement agents; to restrict which personnel of the Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries qualify as enforcement agents; to provide for the
powers and authority of commissioned wildlife enforcement agents;
and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:53, 54, 55, and 55.2 are hereby amended and
reenacted to read as follows:

§53. Commissioned employees wildlife enforcement agents of the
enforcement division may carry weapons

Commissioned employees wildlife enforcement agents of the
enforcement division of the department may carry weapons concealed
or exposed while in the performance of their duties.

§54. License requirements; enforcement by wildlife agents; arrest without warrant

~~A. Wildlife enforcement agents of the enforcement division~~
~~shall see that every person dealing in any way in any of the wildlife,~~
~~fish, and game of the state in the territory assigned to him for which a~~
~~license must be obtained, has in his possession, and is the owner of, an~~
~~official license, and is in compliance with the laws, rules, and~~
~~regulations under the jurisdiction of the department.~~

B. The assistant secretary of the office of forestry, employees of the office of forestry, the secretary, deputy secretary, commissioned wildlife enforcement agents, ~~commissioned wildlife employees of divisions other than enforcement~~, any of the various sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, deputy constables, marshals, and other police officers of this state may, without a warrant, arrest any person violating any of the laws or regulations under the jurisdiction of the department, especially R.S. 41:1009 and R.S. 56:1478.1, or any other law of this state, and may immediately take such person in custody for examination or trial before any officer or court of competent jurisdiction of this state or of the United States, and may serve and execute any warrant or other process issued by any officer or court of competent jurisdiction of this state for the enforcement of such laws and regulations.

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§55. Search with or without warrant

A. The secretary, the deputy secretary, or any commissioned wildlife enforcement agent of the enforcement division may visit, inspect, and examine, with or without search warrant, records, any cold

storage plant, warehouse, boat, store, car, conveyance, automobile or other vehicle, airplane or other aircraft, basket or other receptacle, or any place of deposit for wild birds, wild quadrupeds, fish, or other aquatic life or any parts thereof whenever there is probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred.

B. Commissioned wildlife enforcement agents of the enforcement division are authorized to visit or inspect at frequent intervals without the need of search warrants, records, cold storage plants, bait stands, warehouses, public restaurants, public and private markets, stores, and places where wild birds, game quadrupeds, fish, or other aquatic life or any parts thereof may be kept and offered for sale, for the purpose of ascertaining whether any laws or regulations under the jurisdiction of the department have been violated. They also shall inspect establishments for commercial licenses required by the department to retail and/or wholesale commercial fish and bait fish where applicable under the provisions of this Chapter. The department may institute proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction for violation of laws or regulations under its jurisdiction.

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§55.2. Additional authority of commissioned wildlife officers and enforcement agents

A. ~~In view of the vast expanse of marsh and isolated wildlife habitat extant throughout the state, and to~~ To facilitate the effective protection of private and public rights and property, and life throughout the state's waterways, sea, and land, particularly in but not limited to these isolated areas, duly commissioned wildlife officers and enforcement agents of the enforcement division and other duly

commissioned employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries who have graduated from the Louisiana State University law enforcement training program, the Louisiana State Police Training Academy, or the Northeast Louisiana University law enforcement training program and those ~~commissioned wildlife officers, agents, and employees, who are presently serving in the department prior to June 26, 1989;~~ shall, in addition to the authority otherwise conferred by law upon such officers, be vested with the same authority and powers conferred by law upon other law enforcement officers of this state, provided that a qualification and requalification for firearms used be established within the department on at least an annual basis to insure the proficiency for firearms use by all officers vested with the authority and powers conferred herein.

~~B. All duly commissioned wildlife officers of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall, in addition to the authority otherwise conferred by law upon such officers, be vested with the same authority and powers conferred by law upon other law enforcement officers of this state with respect to issuing civil citations for littering and with respect to the following criminal offenses: arson, litter, theft, or burglary, observed during the performance of their normal duties, conduct constituting resisting arrest, and assault, or battery of a commissioned wildlife officer. Additionally, while on special assignment during any riot, insurrection, or any natural disaster and in protection of immovable property of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, any commissioned wildlife officer of the department shall possess all the powers and authority of regular law enforcement officers of this state. For the purposes of this Section, the~~ The

enforcement division and other divisions of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries are is authorized to seek, accept, and expend state or federal funds, or both, available for such purposes of enforcement.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

Supreme Court of Louisiana

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State

versus

Robert McHugh, et al.

On Writ of Certiorari to the
First Circuit Court of Appeal

[Handwritten initials] DENNIS, Justice.*

[Handwritten initials: JWC, JFW, H] This case presents the question of whether a wildlife law enforcement officer may make a suspicionless stop of a hunter leaving a wildlife habitat during hunting season and detain him briefly to ascertain whether he has a valid hunting license, to ask whether he has game in his possession, and, if so, to request to inspect the game. After being subjected to such a stop, the defendants freely and voluntarily acknowledged their possession of game and allowed a wildlife officer to inspect a dressed and quartered buck deer in their ice chest. Because the divided deer portions were not tagged as required by law, La. R.S. 56:125, the officer charged the defendants with statutory violations. The defendants moved the trial court to suppress the evidence and statements obtained during the stop. The trial court denied their motion, but the court of appeal granted a writ, reversed, and ordered the evidence and statements suppressed. *State v. McHugh*, 598 So.2d 1171 (La. App. 1st Cir. 1992). We granted certiorari. 605 So.2d 1105 (La. 1992). We reverse the court of appeal judgment and remand the case to the trial court for a trial or other proceedings. Because the defendants were exiting a wildlife area during hunting season under circumstances clearly indicating that they had been hunting and possibly had game in their possession, it was not an unreasonable search, seizure or invasion of privacy under either the state or federal constitution for the

* Schott, J., Ad Hoc, sitting in place of Cole, J., retired.

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Hemmon, J., concurs
Schott, J., concurs. by JLD*

game agents to stop the defendants briefly for the limited purpose of demanding that they exhibit their hunting licenses, ask if they had any game, and request to inspect the game in their possession.

I.

On November 18, 1990, six wildlife law enforcement officers in three vessels were stopping and checking boat loads of hunters headed toward the Bayou Boeuf landing on the Intracoastal waterway. The officers' primary objective was to detect persons engaged in "duck tripping", a method frequently used by game law violators to smuggle illegally taken ducks from hunting areas. The violator usually divides his excess ducks into one or more groups, each of which can be made to appear as a hunter's legal daily bag limit. After attaching to each "limit" a tag indicating the species, date and place of taking, and hunting license number and signature of the taker as required by law, La. R.S. 56:124(6) (repealed by 1992 La. Acts No. 966, §2; see now La. R.S. 56:116.1(B)(8)); 50 C.F.R. § 20.36, the outlaw arranges to have each limit ferried separately to the landing in several trips by another hunter. Game law enforcement officers attempt to foil suspected "duck tripping" schemes by consistently checking and recording the signatures on duck tags of limits being transported from the hunting areas. By this means agents often can determine whether hunters have taken and tagged more than their daily bag limits.

The officers began to suspect that "duck tripping" was under way at the Bayou Boeuf landing on November 17, 1990, the first day of the duck season, when they noticed that a large number of boats using the landing were being operated by single hunters carrying other hunters' tagged limits. Accordingly, the officers began to record the names of hunters shown on the duck tags so as to detect and apprehend any hunter sending out more than one daily bag limit. The six officers continued this process on the following

day, November 18th, by stopping and checking every boat that passed headed toward the landing. Occasionally, however, when traffic became heavier than they could handle expeditiously, the officers would allow some boats to pass unchecked.

At about 10:30 a.m., the officers stopped the defendants' two boats as they were headed toward the landing. Although there were some inconsistencies in the testimony, it seems most probable that the events unfolded as follows. One or two of the officers waved down or pulled alongside the defendants' lead boat and demanded to see the occupants' hunting licenses. After the defendants complied with this request, an officer asked them if they had any ducks. When they replied in the negative, the officer inquired if they had any other game in their possession. The hunters responded that one of them had killed a deer and pointed to the head of a buck deer in the well wash of one of the boats. The officer asked for and obtained permission to come aboard to examine the deer. After viewing the deer head, the officer asked whether the defendants had the body of the animal. The hunters acknowledged that they did, voluntarily opened an ice chest and displayed the dressed and quartered deer. Upon observing that there were no visible tags on the deer meat, the officer issued summonses charging the defendants with violating La. R.S. 56:125, which prohibits the division of a deer in the field, unless each portion is identified by the name, address, and license number of the slayer, and the sex of the animal, except as to portions cut from the carcass for consumption in camp.

The defendants moved to suppress any evidence or inculpatory statements obtained from them by the wildlife law enforcement officers on the ground that the search and seizure violated their state and federal constitutional rights. After a hearing, the trial court denied the motion to suppress, finding that the officers' primary reason for stopping the defendants was to look for game violations, but concluded that the officers were

authorized to stop the hunters to check their boats for safety violations under La. R.S. 34:851.29.

This is the question we overcome.

The court of appeal granted certiorari and held that the initial stop of the defendants by the wildlife law enforcement officers violated Article I, § 5 of the Louisiana Constitution, concluding that a stop for a license check and game inquiry is constitutional only if the enforcement officer reasonably suspects the presence of illegally taken or tagged game or the absence of a valid hunting license on the basis of articulable facts. *State v. McHugh*, 598 So.2d 1171 (La.App.1st Cir. 1992). We reverse and remand.

QUESTION

II.

Article I, § 5 of the Louisiana Constitution provides:

§5. Right to Privacy

Section 5. Every person shall be secure in his person, property, communications, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches, seizures, or invasions of privacy. No warrant shall issue without probable cause supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, the persons or things to be seized, and the lawful purpose or reason for the search. Any person adversely affected by a search or seizure conducted in violation of this Section shall have standing to raise its illegality in the appropriate court.

Subject only to a few exceptions that were specifically established and well-defined prior to the adoption of our state constitution, a search, seizure or invasion of privacy conducted without a warrant issued upon probable cause is constitutionally prohibited. *State v. Moreno*, 619 So.2d 62 (La. 1993); *State v. Hernandez*, 410 So.2d 1381 (La.1982); *State v. Banks*, 363 So.2d 491 (La. 1978); *State v. Fearn*, 345 So.2d 468 (La. 1977); *State v. Gordon*, 332 So.2d 262 (La. 1976). Once a defendant makes an initial showing that a warrantless search or seizure occurred, the burden of proof shifts to the state to affirmatively show that it

was justified under one of the narrow exceptions to the rule requiring a search warrant. *State v. Banks, supra*; *State v. Franklin*, 353 So.2d 1315 (La. 1978).

It is undisputed that the stop in the present case was not authorized by a warrant. The state contends, however, that the stop was justified and came within an established exception to the warrant requirement, viz., the "investigatory stop" exception. A law enforcement officer may stop a person in a public place whom he reasonably suspects is committing, has committed, or is about to commit an offense and may demand of him his name, address, and an explanation of his actions. *State v. Moreno, supra*; *State v. Banter*, 391 So.2d 1152 (La. 1980); *State v. Bolden*, 380 So.2d 40 (La. 1980); La.C.Cr.P. Art. 215.1; See *Terry v. Ohio*, 392 U.S. 1, 88 S.Ct. 1868 (1968). Therefore, an investigatory stop must be justified by some objective manifestation that the person stopped is, or is about to be engaged in criminal activity, or there must be reasonable grounds to believe that the person has committed or is wanted for past criminal conduct. *State v. Moreno, supra*; *Moresi v. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries*, 567 So.2d 1081 (La.1990).

The state failed to carry its burden of showing that the wildlife agents' detention of the defendants came within the "investigatory stop" exception. The record clearly indicates that when the defendants arrived, the officers were still engaged in the process they had begun the previous day of indiscriminately stopping as many boats as possible to check licenses and inquire about game in hunters' possession. The principal purpose of each stop was to record the names of hunters appearing on tags attached to ducks in each boat for comparison with such data taken from other boats transporting ducks to the landing. The officer in charge testified that he observed some circumstances about the defendants that he considered to be suspicious. He acknowledged, however, that the defendants more than likely would have been stopped even in the absence of these circumstances as part of the

officers' attempts to detect "duck tripping". Moreover, we agree with the court of appeal that those circumstances did not constitute sufficient grounds to reasonably suspect the defendants of criminal activity. See State v. McHugh, 598 So.2d at 1174. Accordingly, we conclude that the state failed to show that the officers had any reasonable basis to suspect the defendants of wrongdoing or that the agents had any reason for the stops other than to check the defendants' hunting licenses and to inquire about game in their possession.

ANSWER III.

Alternatively, the state argues that the wildlife law enforcement officers were authorized by regulatory statutes to make suspicionless stops of persons engaged in hunting activities to check their licenses and inquire about game taken. The statutes, in pertinent parts, provide:

Wildlife agents shall see that every person dealing in any way in any of the wildlife, fish, and game of the state in territory assigned to him for which a license must be obtained, has in his possession, and is the owner of, an official license. La. R.S. 56:54(A).

[W]ildlife agents...may, without a warrant, arrest any person violating any of the laws or regulations under the jurisdiction of the department...and may immediately take such person in custody for examination or trial before any officer or court of competent jurisdiction.... La. R.S. 56:54(B).

[A] wildlife agent may visit, inspect and examine, with or without search warrant...any...boat...for wild birds, wild quadrupeds, fish or other aquatic life or any parts thereof whenever there is probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred. La. R.S. 56:55(A).

In view of the vast expanse of marsh and isolated wildlife habitat extant throughout the state, and to facilitate the effective protection of private and public rights and property, particularly in but not limited to, these isolated areas, duly commissioned wildlife officers and agents of the enforcement division...shall, in addition to the authority otherwise conferred by law upon such

officers, be vested with the same authority and powers conferred by law upon other law enforcement officers of this state.... La. R.S. 55.2(A).


No person shall at any time, hunt, take, possess, or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or any wild quadruped, unless he is at the time of such act the lawful holder of an effective license for that purpose issued to him by authority of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. La. R.S. 56:103(A).

Every license shall by its terms be effective only during the open season for the particular kinds of wild birds and wild quadrupeds authorized thereby to be taken. Every such license shall be personal to the person to whom issued and shall not be assigned or transferred to, or used by, any other person. Every officer authorized to enforce the provisions of this Subpart shall take possession of any license found in the possession of any person other than the one to whom issued and deliver it to the department to be cancelled. The license shall thereupon be null and void. Licensees shall have licenses in their possession when hunting and shall exhibit them on demand of any person authorized to enforce the provisions of this Subpart. La. R.S. 56:103(E).

Persons and vessels engaged in an activity for which a license is required must have in their immediate possession...a valid, original license and shall show such license upon demand to a duly authorized agent of the department. La. R.S. 56:301.1(B).

A.

An individual's right to privacy is protected not only by the warrant clause of Article I, § 5 of the Louisiana Constitution, which requires that an officer have probable cause and a warrant, or be able to show the existence of an established exception, before conducting a search or seizure of the individual's person or things. His right to be left alone, to be free of unjustified governmental interference with his mind, body or autonomy, is also protected by Article I, § 5's reasonableness clause, which secures an individual from any unreasonable invasion of privacy. *State v. Perry*, 610 So.2d 746 (La. 1992); *Hondroulis v. Schuhmacher*, 553 So.2d 398 (La. 1989). See Devlin, *Privacy and Abortion Rights Under the Louisiana State Constitution*, 51 La.L.Rev. 685 (1991); Devlin, *Louisiana Constitutional Law, Developments in the Law*

 The right to privacy is not absolute, however. Limited governmental interference is permitted by Article I, § 5's warrant and reasonableness clauses. In most criminal cases, the permissibility of a particular intrusion depends on the prerequisite of probable cause and a warrant, or the existence of an established exception to these requirements. Further, where a privacy right intrusion is sufficiently less intrusive than an arrest and serves special government needs outside of the ordinary law enforcement context, such an infringement on that right may be justified by regulations adopted to serve compelling state interests that cannot be achieved through means significantly less restrictive of privacy freedoms. See *State v. Perry*, supra; *Hondroulis v. Schuhmacher*, supra; *Kramer v. Union Free School Dist.*, 395 U.S. 621, 89 S.Ct. 1886, 23 L.Ed.2d 583 (1969); *Shapiro v. Thompson*, 394 U.S. 618, 89 S.Ct. 1322, 22 L.Ed.2d 600 (1969); *Aptheker v. Secretary of State*, 378 U.S. 500, 84 S.Ct. 1659, 12 L.Ed.2d 992 (1964); *Cantwell v. Connecticut*, 310 U.S. 296, 60 S.Ct. 900, 84 L.Ed.2d 1213 (1940); *Sherbert v. Verner*, 374 U.S. 398, 83 S.Ct. 1790, 10 L.Ed.2d 965 (1963); *Griswold v. Connecticut*, 381 U.S. 479, 85 S.Ct. 1678, 14 L.Ed.2d 510 (1965); *People v. Medina*, 705 P.2d 961, 975 (Colo. 1985); *Guardianship of Roe*, 383 Mass. 415, 421 N.E.2d 40 (1981). In the present case, we are persuaded that application of the statutory scheme (1) furthers the state's compelling interests in preserving the wildlife of the state and regulating its exploitation for the benefit of all citizens; (2) serves a special governmental need outside the ordinary law enforcement context; (3) requires only a slight intrusive impact consisting of interference sufficiently less invasive than an arrest; and that (4) the state's compelling and special objectives cannot be achieved through means significantly less restrictive of privacy freedoms.


B.

There can be no doubt that the state's interest in safeguarding the wildlife and fisheries for the benefit of the people is compelling. The paramount importance of these invaluable natural resources is recognized by our state constitution, property laws and regulatory statutes. The state constitution establishes a public trust doctrine requiring the state to protect, conserve and replenish all natural resources, including the wildlife and fish of the state, for the benefit of its people. La. Const. 1974, Art. IX § 1, 7; Matter of American Waste & Pollution Control Co. 588 So.2d 367 (La. 1991); Save Ourselves, Inc. v. La. Environ. Cont. Com., 452 So.2d 1152 (La. 1984); Matter of Dravo Basic Materials Co., Inc., 604 So.2d 630, 634 (La. App. 1st Cir. 1992); Sierra Club v. Louisiana Dep't of Wildlife & Fisheries, 519 So.2d 836 (La. App. 4th Cir. 1988). See L. Hargrave, The Public Trust Doctrine: A Plea for Precision, 53 La. L. Rev. 1535 (1993); J. Wilkins and M. Wascom, The Public Trust Doctrine in Louisiana, 52 La. L. Rev. 861, 865 & 896-99 (1992); N. Absher, Note, Constitutional Law and the Environment: Save Ourselves, Inc. v. Louisiana Environmental Control Commission, 59 Tul. L. Rev. 1557 (1985). See also La. Const. 1974, Art. VII §§ 10-A (Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund) and 10.2 (Wetlands Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund). These constitutional provisions establish a standard of protection which the legislature and all public trustees are required to vigorously enforce. Upon judicial review, a public trustee is duty bound to demonstrate that he has properly exercised his responsibility under the constitution and laws. La. Const. 1974, Art. IX, § 1, 7; Matter of American Waste & Pollution Control Co., supra; Save Ourselves, Inc., supra; Matter of Dravo Basic Materials Co., Inc., supra; Sierra Club, supra. Under the property laws of the state, wildlife is owned by the state and not subject to private appropriation except when done under regulations that protect the general interest. La.

C.C. art. 3413; La. R.S. 56:3; State v. Monteleone, 171 La. 437, 131 So. 291 (1930); Leger v. Louisiana Dep't of Wildlife & Fisheries, 306 So.2d 391 (La. App. 3d Cir. 1975). See also Lacoste v. Department of Conservation of State of Louisiana, 263 U.S. 545, 44 S.Ct. 186, 68 L.Ed. 437 (1924). The state's regulatory laws limit and control the exploitation of wildlife by requiring licenses to take game and fish (La. R.S. 56:103, 301.1), providing for the fixing of seasons and limits (La. R.S. 56:115 (empowering statute); see also, e.g. La. R.S. 56:116-120), regulating methods of taking (see, e.g. La. R.S. 56:121, 121.1), providing for the licensing of commercial fishing vessels (La. R.S. 56:304), and establishing wildlife management areas, refuges, public hunting grounds and recreation areas (La. R.S. 56:109, 701-802), as well as numerous preserves (La. R.S. 56:701-803). See generally La.R.S. 56:1-803. In fact, the defendants concede that the state has a compelling interest in preserving the wildlife and in regulating its exploitation.

C.

The state has a special governmental need outside the ordinary law enforcement context to have its wildlife law officers stop hunters during open season near game habitat, check for hunting licenses, inquire about game taken, and request to inspect game in field possession. In this capacity, the wildlife officers act not only as law enforcers but also as public trustees protecting, conserving and promoting replenishment of the wildlife of the state. La. R.S. 56:1. See also Save Ourselves, Inc., 452 So.2d at 1156-57; Hargrave, supra, 53 La.L.Rev. at 1551-52; Wilkins & Wascom, supra, 52 La.L.Rev. at 896-98; Absher, supra, 59 Tul.L.Rev. 1557. One of their trusteeship functions is to serve as front line gatherers of information necessary to the intelligent formulation and revision of laws, regulations and policies affecting and regulating seasons, limits, management areas, food chains and supplies, and other factors related to the

protection of the wildlife. In acting as conservators of the wildlife in the condition of property of the state, which is not subject to private appropriation except when done in compliance with law, wildlife officials serve the state's special needs for seeking disgorgement, repossession and disposition of game unlawfully taken. In addition but related to the foregoing, wildlife officials have a duty, in promoting the replenishment of the game, to attempt to obtain from persons visiting the wildlife habitat, information pertaining to the appearance, quality, quantity, health and habits of animals taken or sighted.

D.

On its face, the statutory scheme authorizes a suspicionless stop involving only a very limited intrusion that falls far short of the kind of invasion associated with an arrest. In essence, the statutes require an individual to have a valid license in his possession while hunting wild game and to exhibit the license upon the demand of a wildlife agent. The agent is authorized and required to stop every person dealing with wildlife in his territory, to demand to see the individual's license and to confiscate illegally possessed licenses. The agent is not authorized to subject a person to a search or an arrest unless there is probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred.

In actual operation, the stop for license check and game inquiry involves an extra element of intrusiveness beyond that literally required by statute, in that the agent usually asks the hunter whether he has taken any game and, if so, whether he will allow it to be inspected. Nevertheless, in our opinion, the entire encounter, which involves only a few questions and a brief detention usually of no more than one or two minutes, is consistent with the agent's constitutional and statutory duties and still falls far short of being analogous to an arrest.

We recognize that our analysis of the intrusive effects of stops for hunting license checks and game inquiries also must take into account their cumulative impact upon the general right to privacy or right to be left alone and free from unjustified governmental interference. In doing so, we conclude that the overall degree of interference with the privacy of citizens in general is slight because it is far less intrusive than that involved in other forms of suspicionless stops.

First, the potential interference with the activities of legitimate hunters is minimal, and the impact on the larger non-hunting segment of the populace is almost nonexistent. Only persons apparently engaged in hunting activities in or near wildlife areas during open seasons will be subjected to suspicionless stops. There is no special need for suspicionless stops of persons apparently engaged in hunting wild animals out of season because that conduct naturally gives rise to reasonable suspicion or probable cause to believe that criminal activity is afoot.

Second, hunters entering game habitats during open seasons are not taken by surprise because they know or should know of their exposure to license and game checks. The regularized manner in which the stops are made, and their close geographical and temporal ties to hunting activities, is visible evidence, reassuring to law abiding hunters, that the stops are duly authorized and believed to serve the public interest. In fact, it is well known that, traditionally, the vast majority of hunters expect and cooperate with field checks in the interest of preserving the wildlife and their own sport. See Comment, A Comment on Louisiana Wildlife Agents and Probable Cause: Are Random Game Checks Constitutional?, 53 La.L.Rev. 525, 550 (La. 1992); Note, Fishing for Evidence: The Expansive Warrantless Search Powers of Fish and Game Wardens, 13 Hastings Const. L.Q. 119, 137-38 (1985); Captain Irvin Dares, The Enforcement of

Wildlife & Fisheries Regulations: What are They Trying to Achieve?, The Louisiana Game Warden, Fall 1993, at 27.

Third, in making stops for hunting license checks and game inquiries, the agents' discretion is more limited than that of police officers making suspicionless roving highway patrol stops, movable and unannounced sobriety checkpoint stops, or fixed checkpoint border patrol stops. The game agents are required to check every hunter pursuing game within their territories during open seasons. The fact that they may allow some hunters to go unchecked during peak periods due to lack of forces does not make their stops any more arbitrary than the checkpoint operations which suffer from similar imperfections. Unlike Border Patrol agents at fixed checkpoints, who refer motorists selectively to a secondary inspection area for further questioning, possibly on the basis of apparent national origin, see *United States v. Martinez-Fuerte*, 428 U.S. 543(1976); *id.* at 567 (Brennan, J., dissenting), wildlife agents are not authorized to detain any hunter after the brief license check and game query except when reasonable suspicion or probable cause develops that a game violation has occurred. Moreover, a claim that a particular exercise of discretion in making suspicionless hunting license checks and game inquiries was unreasonable is subject to post-stop judicial review.

E.

In enacting and applying the statutes at issue here, the state has advanced its compelling interest in protecting, conserving and replenishing wildlife through the least restrictive means of achieving its ends. The goal of wildlife preservation could not be accomplished without an adequate level of enforcement of laws limiting and controlling the taking of wildlife. In order to attain a satisfactory level of enforcement, wildlife agents must be able to make suspicionless stops of hunters in or

departing from game areas during open seasons for the limited purposes of license checks and game inquiries.

The game laws could not be carried out effectively under the less restrictive alternative urged by the defendants, viz., a rule that an agent could never stop a hunter except on reasonable suspicion or probable cause to believe that a violation had occurred. Because of the nature of the wildlife laws and the characteristics of Louisiana's wildlife environment, this rule would largely eliminate any deterrence to violations of the hunting license requirement and the game limit laws.

It is impossible for agents to tell whether a hunter is licensed without stopping him for a license check. Without the prospect of suspicionless license check stops, hunters would have little incentive to purchase and carry hunting licenses. Unlike an unlicensed motor vehicle operator who incurs a substantial risk of being found out as an unauthorized driver by getting a traffic ticket or becoming involved in an accident, an unlicensed hunter runs only a small risk if agents cannot make suspicionless stops to check licenses. Further, because a hunting license lacks the utility of a driver's license as a means of identity and credibility, a hunter does not have the same incentive as a driver to maintain a valid license.

An extremely important aspect of wildlife law enforcement involves the conservation of game by detecting and apprehending violators who take or possess game in excess of the limits legally permitted. Because the taking or possession of game per se is not illegal, however, an agent's observation of a hunter killing or carrying game usually does not give rise to reasonable suspicion or probable cause that there has been a violation. Unlike drugs or drunk drivers, dead ducks evince no telltale signs, smells or behavior plainly indicating criminal activity. Consequently, if agents were not entitled to make suspicionless stops of hunters

for license checks and brief questioning, the enforcement of the game limit laws would be retrenched to an unacceptable level. For example, the stop in the present case was part of an effort primarily to detect and prevent duck tripping. Only by suspicionless stops can wildlife officers gather and record in sufficient numbers, the data necessary to detect and prevent duck tripping. It would be virtually impossible to carry out this duty were probable cause or reasonable suspicion needed before a wildlife officer could stop a hunter to make game inquiries.

Louisiana's unique geography exacerbates the formidable problems inherent in wildlife law enforcement. One fourth of our state--over 5.3 million acres--consists of wetlands. This includes 40% of the nation's total coastal wetlands. Wildlife enforcement officers are thinly spread over vast unpopulated and isolated wilderness areas comprised of low-lying salt, brackish, and fresh marshes, literally thousands of swamps, bogs, sloughs, creeks, lakes, bays, coves, rivers, bayous, streams, and tidal passes. Both the land and the water bodies are to a large extent affected by the tides, hurricanes, storms, high winds and upstream flood waters. The demarcation between land and water in Louisiana's coastal wetlands is constantly fluctuating and often indistinct. Wilkins & Wascom, *supra*, 52 La.L.Rev. at 869. See also Oliver A. Houck, *Land Loss in Coastal Louisiana: Causes, Consequences, and Remedies*, 58 Tul.L.Rev. 3 (1983).

Because covert surveillance of hunting activities in the wetlands is extremely difficult, game agents seldom are able to identify observable acts of game taking as unlawful. Agents' hardships in determining when a taking exceeds the limit is made more severe by hunters' freedom of movement which is not nearly as restricted as movement by land; in the wetlands the hunter is not physically confined to as narrow a range of specific routes, roadways or egresses. Further, the combination of estuarine systems and infrastructures of roads, canals, landings, slips,

piers, harbors, ports and boat houses offers countless points of debarkation for unlawfully taken game. No reasonable claim can be made that permanent checkpoints would be practical on such labyrinthine waterways leading to a myriad of places suitable for discharging wildlife cargo. All of this, plus the availability of camps, house boats, swift vessels, refrigeration, insulation and electronic communications allow for rapid, versatile transportation of unlawfully taken game from habitat areas under circumstances that do not frequently give rise to objective, articulable facts providing reasonable cause for suspicion and Terry-type investigatory stops.

Our decision in this respect, is adequately based on the foregoing judicially noticed legislative facts used in interpreting law and deciding upon the constitutional validity, interpretation and application of the statutes. See Pugh, Force, Rault & Triche, Handbook on Louisiana Evidence Law 280, comment (b) (1993); 1 J. Weinstein & M. Berger, Weinstein's Evidence § 200[03] (1992); 2 McCormick on Evidence §328, at 386 (4th ed. 1992). For an extended authoritative discussion of the distinction between adjudicative and legislative facts see 3 K. Davis, Administrative Law Treatise §15.1 et seq. (1980). Therefore, the defendants' objection that the state "failed to produce evidence indicating that there exist no less intrusive means to accomplish its ends," does not have any significant bearing on the matter at hand.

F.

The suspicionless stop for a hunting license check and game query conducted pursuant to state statutes in the present case is distinguishable from the sobriety check point stops which this court declared unconstitutional in *State v. Church*, '538 So.2d 993 (La. 1989) and *State v. Parms*, 523 So.2d 1293 (La. 1988). In those cases the police stopped travelers at highway checkpoints

in a traditional criminal law enforcement context pursuant to their regular law enforcement function. Therefore, the warrant clause of Article I, §5 required that their actions be preconditioned by probable cause and a warrant or the existence of one of the few established exceptions to those requirements.

Although the privacy right infringements in those cases were less intrusive than an arrest, they did not serve a special government need outside the traditional law enforcement context. Therefore, the general warrant clause rule could not be replaced by a balancing test under the reasonableness clause. Accordingly, this court concluded in Church and Parms that the police had violated the motorists' rights of privacy under Article I § 5 of the state constitution because the seizures had been made without either probable cause or reasonable suspicion that the motorists had violated the law.

Furthermore, the Church and Parms checkpoint stops would not pass constitutional muster under the reasonableness clause balancing test even if it were to be applied to those cases. The sobriety checkpoint stops do not constitute a significantly less intrusive or restrictive means of achieving the state's ends. First, the potential cumulative impact of these kinds of highway checkpoints upon the privacy rights of the motoring public is limitless and severely intrusive or restrictive. In today's society, the automobile is the primary means of an individual's transportation and necessary to his or her participation in a broad range of activities, including family, social, occupational, recreational, civic, educational, religious, athletic, health and medical functions. As a consequence, the automobile has become a symbol of individual freedom associated with the recognized right of personal autonomy and mobility. Therefore, the state's operation of such checkpoints, which can be deployed to stop thousands of motorists at unlimited numbers of highway locations, creates a severely disruptive and intrusive impact on the right to privacy. Second, the state's operation of such checkpoints is

clearly more intrusive or restrictive than other equally, if not more, effective means of DWI law enforcement. As this court recognized in *Parms and Church*, the effectiveness of such checkpoint stops is minimal and probably no more effectual than the less intrusive means of using roving police patrols acting upon reasonable suspicion. For the foregoing reasons, stops such as in the present case are distinguishable from highway sobriety check point stops as in *Parms and Church*.

Accordingly, we conclude that a wildlife officers' suspicionless stop of a hunter during open seasons in or immediately departing from a wildlife habitat area, for the purpose of a license check and game query does not contravene Article I, § 5 of the Louisiana constitution.

IV.

Nor, in our opinion, do the hunting license inspection and game inquiry stops violate the Fourth or Fourteenth Amendment.

A Fourth Amendment "seizure" occurs when a government agent makes an investigatory stop of a vehicle or vessel. *Michigan v. Sitz*, 110 S.Ct. 2481 (1990); *Brower v. County of Inyo*, 489 U.S. 593, 109 S.Ct. 1378 (1989); *Moresi v. State* 567 So.2d 1081 (La. 1990). The question thus becomes whether such seizures are "reasonable" under the Fourth Amendment. *Michigan v. Sitz*, 110 S.Ct. at 2485. In most cases, the police must possess probable cause for a seizure to be judged reasonable. See *Dunaway v. New York*, 442 U.S. 200, 209 (1979); Only when a seizure is "substantially less intrusive" than a typical arrest, is the general rule replaced by a balancing test. *Id.*, at 210; *Michigan v. Sitz*, 110 S.Ct. at 2489 (Brennan, J. dissenting).

The Supreme Court concluded in *Michigan v. Sitz*, *supra*, that

the suspicionless initial stop of a car at an unannounced, nighttime sobriety checkpoint, is sufficiently less intrusive than an arrest so that the reasonableness of the seizure may be judged, not by the presence of probable cause, but by balancing "the gravity of the public concerns served by the seizure, the degree to which the seizure advances the public interest, and the severity of the interference with individual liberty." *Brown v. Texas* 443 U.S. 47, 51 (1979). Applying this test, the court decided that the balance of the state's concededly important interest in preventing drunken driving, the extent to which the sobriety checkpoint system could reasonably be said to advance that interest, and the degree of intrusion upon individual motorists who are briefly stopped, weighs in favor of upholding the state program as being consistent with the Fourth Amendment. 110 S.Ct. at 2488.

Applying these precepts to the present case, we believe that the balancing, not the probable cause, test should be applied to reach the conclusion that the hunting license inspection and game query stop does not violate the Fourth Amendment. First, such a stop is, even less intrusive than an unannounced, nighttime sobriety checkpoint stop and therefore so much less invasive than an arrest as to call for application of the balancing test. As Justice Stevens pointed out, at such a variable and movable sobriety checkpoint, a motorist has no advance notice of its location and no opportunity to avoid the search entirely, or to prepare for, and limit, the intrusion on her privacy. 110 S.Ct. at 2492 (Stevens, J. dissenting). On the other hand, hunters know or should know that if they appear with hunting gear on specified dates in certain wildlife habitat they are apt to have their licenses checked by uniformed wildlife agents. Fowlers and stalkers after the state's game can hardly be surprised when they are required to exhibit their licenses to do so. Therefore, a person can avoid the stop entirely by remaining aloof from wildlife habitat during hunting season, or he can prepare for and

limit the intrusion by having a valid license handy. Further, a check for a hunting license, coupled with a question about game, is far more easily standardized and less personally invasive than a search for evidence of intoxication. Cf., Id., at 2493. The nighttime sobriety check involves unwanted facial scrutiny by the local police and sometimes the discomfiting revelation of "one's secrets [that] are not the stuff of criminal prosecutions," Id.

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Second; the balance of the state's interest in preserving the wildlife and regulating its exploitation, the extent to which the license check system can reasonably be said to advance that interest, and the degree of intrusion upon individual hunters who are briefly stopped, weighs in favor of the state's stop, check and question procedure. No one can seriously dispute the magnitude of the task of preserving and conserving the wildlife, or the state's special and compelling interest in regulating hunting through the strict enforcement of license and limit laws. Conversely, the measure of the intrusion on hunters stopped briefly for license and game checks in the field, or en route immediately therefrom, during hunting seasons, is slight. Because persons in pursuit of game must leave normal environs, isolating themselves temporarily from the rest of society, brief hunting license and game query stops in the wild do not intersect and intrude upon the daily lives of the general mass of citizenry nearly to the same extent as highway sobriety checkpoints. In assessing "the degree to which the seizure advances the public interest" we must bear in mind that this passage was not meant to transfer from "politically accountable officials" to the courts the decision as to which among reasonable alternative law enforcement techniques should be employed to deal with a serious public concern. Michigan v. Sitz, 110 S.Ct. at 2487. For purposes of Fourth Amendment analysis, the choice among such reasonable alternatives remains with the governmental officials who have a unique understanding of, and a responsibility for, limited public resources, including a finite number of enforcement

officers. Id. Consequently, because we have concluded that stops for checking hunting licenses and for game queries are the least intrusive means to effectively achieve the state's compelling interest under the more stringent requirements of our state constitution, it necessarily follows that such stops are a "reasonable" means of achieving the state's ends under the Fourth Amendment analysis. We therefore hold that state game agents' practice of stopping hunters in the field for license checks and game inquiries is consistent with the Fourth Amendment.

Summary and Decree

In summary, we hold that a game agent's stop of a hunter in or departing from a wildlife habitat in open season and detention of him for the limited purposes of a license check and requests for game information and inspection does not violate the state or federal constitution. Our holding today is limited to the type of stop described in this opinion. Any further detention must be based on consent, probable cause or reasonable suspicion.

The ⁴ent of the court of appeal is accordingly reversed,
the j^r the trial court is reinstated, and the case is
re^lial court for further proceedings consistent

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 92-KK-1852

STATE OF LOUISIANA

V.

ROBERT MCHUGH, ET AL.

 MARCUS, Justice (concurring)

I agree with the majority's conclusion that it was not a violation of the state or federal constitution for game agents to stop defendants briefly for the limited purpose of inspecting their hunting license and any game in their possession. However, I disagree with the statement in the majority opinion that sobriety checkpoint stops should not be analyzed under the same reasonableness clause balancing test as the majority adopts for game license checkpoints. In my view, and in the view of the United States Supreme Court, the state's interest in preventing drunken driving outweighs the intrusion upon an individual motorist who is briefly stopped at a checkpoint. Michigan, Dept. of State Police v. Sitz, 110 S. Ct. 2481 (1990). For these reasons, I would re-examine our holdings in State v. Church, 538 So. 2d 993 (La. 1989), and State v. Parms, 523 So. 2d 1293 (La. 1988), and hold sobriety checkpoints to be constitutional under both the state and federal constitutions.

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 8, 1999.

- WHEREAS,** it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and
- WHEREAS,** authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and
- WHEREAS,** this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS,** the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1999 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit and methods of taking on Department operated wildlife management areas and the state at large for the period September 1, 1999 through August 31, 2000. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. A copy of this information is attached and made part of this rule.

For those interested, a copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request by contacting: Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1999-2000 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the

Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25: (July 1999).

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1999-2000

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 13-Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 2-Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 2-Feb. 13	8	16
Pheasant	Nov. 13-Jan. 31	2 (Cock Only)	4
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan.30	Nov.20-Dec. 5 Jan.10-Jan.23	Dec.11-Jan.9
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 30-Nov. 5 Jan. 15-Jan. 21	Nov. 6-Dec.10	Dec.11-Jan.14

3	Sept.18-Jan.18	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Dec. 13-Dec. 17	Oct.16-Dec.12 Dec.18-Jan. 2	
4	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan.15-Jan.21	Nov.20-Jan.14	
5	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan.15-Jan.21 (Bucks Only)	Nov.20-Nov.28	
6	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan. 30	Nov. 20-Dec.5	Dec.11-Jan.23
7	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Jan. 17-Jan. 23	Oct.16-Oct.31 Nov. 20-Dec.5	Dec.11-Jan.16

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Area	Basic Season Dates	Total Days	Exceptions (Those portions of the following parishes)
1	Nov.20-21, 26-28 Dec.4-5, 11-12, 18-19	11	Nov.20-21, 26-28 (Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, Caldwell) Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles), Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5,11-12 (Grant and Rapides)
2	Nov.6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12	13	Nov.6-7, 26-28 (Caldwell, LaSalle) Nov.6-7, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles)
3	Oct.16-17, 23-24, Oct.30-31, Nov.6-7, 20-21, 26-28	13	Oct.16-17, Nov.20-21, Dec.11-12 (St. Landry)
4	Nov.20-21, 26-28 (except East Carroll)	5	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.4-5, 11-12 (East Carroll--That portion between the Mississippi River Levee and the Mississippi River)
5	None		
6	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.4-5, 11-12, 18-19	11	Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12 (Avoyelles, Rapides, St. Landry)

7	Oct.16-17, Nov.20-21, 26-28, Dec.11-12, 18-19	11	
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E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex	Muzzleloader
Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Dec. 6 Dec. 21-23 Dec. 26-Jan.31	Nov. 1-3 Dec. 21-23 Dec. 26-30	Dec. 7-20 (Either Sex)

F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

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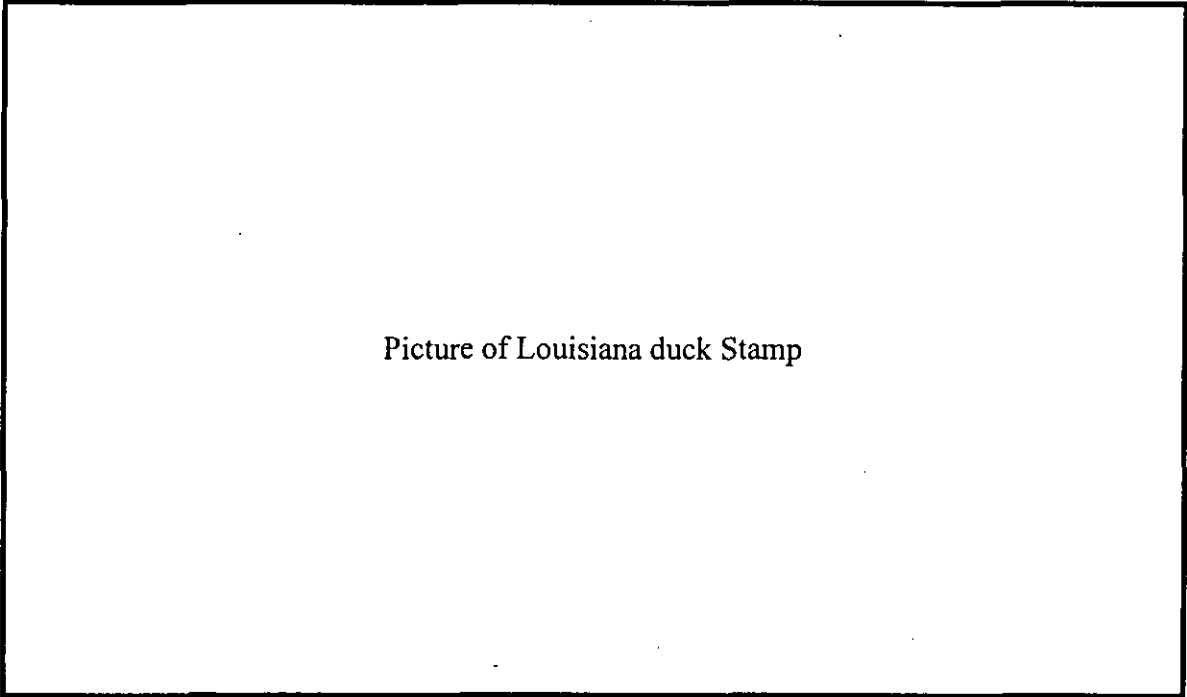
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Louisiana 1999 Duck Stamp by Ron Louque. The print depicts a pair of snow geese. Stamps are available at all license outlets. Prints are available through art dealers.

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The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are considered to be in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

Pursuant to Act 169 of the 1988 regular session of the Legislature, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

A HUNTER'S PLEDGE

Responsible hunting provides unique challenges and rewards. However, the future of the sport depends on each hunter's behavior and ethics. Therefore, as a hunter, I pledge to

- **Respect the environment and wildlife.**
- **Respect property and landowners.**
- **Show consideration for non-hunters.**
- **Hunt safely.**
- **Know and obey the law.**
- **Support wildlife and habitat conservation.**
- **Pass on an ethical hunting tradition.**
- **Strive to improve my outdoor skills and understanding of wildlife.**
- **Hunt only with ethical hunters.**

By following these principles of conduct each time I go afield, I will give my best to the sport, the public, the environment and myself. The responsibility to hunt ethically is mine; the future of hunting depends on me.

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS

(SHOOTING HOURS: ONE-HALF HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE TO ONE-HALF HOUR AFTER SUNSET)

Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on WMAs or specific localities.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov. 13-Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct.2-Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct.2-Feb.13	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season

DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either-sex)	Still Hunt	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan 30	Nov. 20-Dec. 5 Jan. 10-Jan. 23	Dec. 11-Jan. 9
2	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 30-Nov. 5 Jan. 15-Jan. 21	Nov. 6-Dec. 10	Dec. 11-Jan. 14
3	Sept. 18- Jan. 18	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Dec. 13-Dec. 17	Oct. 16-Dec. 12 Dec. 18-Jan. 2	
4	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 15-21	Nov. 20-Jan. 14	
5	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 15-21 Bucks Only	Nov. 20-28	
6	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 24-Jan. 30	Nov. 20-Dec. 5	Dec. 11-Jan. 23
7	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Jan. 17-Jan. 23	Oct. 16-Oct. 31 Nov. 20-Dec. 5	Dec. 11-Jan. 16

MODERN FIREARM EITHER-SEX SEASONS

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21, 26-28
Allen	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 3: Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21, 26-28
Ascension	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Assumption	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Avoyelles	Area 1: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 11-12
	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 26-28, Dec. 11-12
	Area 6: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 11-12
Beauregard	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 3: Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21, 26-28
Bienville	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Bossier	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Caddo	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Calcasieu	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 3: Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21, 26-28
Caldwell	Area 1: Nov. 20-21, 26-28
	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 26-28

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Cameron	Oct. 16-17,23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21,26-28
Catahoula	Nov. 20-21, 26-28
Claiborne	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Concordia	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
DeSoto	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
East Baton Rouge	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
East Carroll	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12 East of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, south of La. 580 to U.S. 65, west of U.S. 65 to Madison parish line.
	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, the remainder of the parish.
East Feliciana	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Evangeline	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Franklin	Nov. 20-21, 26-28
Grant	Area 1: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Iberia	Area 3: Oct. 16-17,23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21, 26-28
	Area 6: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12,18-19
	Area 7: Oct. 16-17, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 11-12
Iberville	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Jackson	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Jefferson	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Jefferson Davis	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 3: Oct. 16-17,23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21,26-28
Lafayette	Area 3: Oct. 16-17,23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21, 26-28
	Area 6: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Lafourche	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
LaSalle	Area 1: Nov. 20-21, 26-28
	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 26-28,
Lincoln	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Livingston	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Madison	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Morehouse	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 4: Nov. 20-21, 26-28
Natchitoches	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Orleans	Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21,26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 4: Nov. 20-21, 26-28
Plaquemines	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Pointe Coupee	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19

Parish	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Rapides	Area 1: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 3: Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21, 26-28
	Area 6: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Red River	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Richland	Nov. 20-21, 26-28
Sabine	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Bernard	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
St. Charles	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
St. Helena	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
St. James	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
St. John	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
St. Landry	Area 3: Oct. 16-17, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 11-12
	Area 6: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 11-12
St. Martin	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
St. Mary	Area 6: Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
	Area 7: Oct. 16-17, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 11-12
St. Tammany	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Tangipahoa	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Tensas	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Terrebonne	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 11-12
Union	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Vermillion	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21, 26-28
Vernon	Area 2: Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 3: Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 20-21, 26-28
Washington	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Webster	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
West Baton Rouge	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
West Carroll	Closed
West Feliciana	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Winn	Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12

OTHER HUNTING SEASONS

TURKEY

Please refer to separate pamphlet scheduled for publication in December 1999.

RACCOON AND OPOSSUM

No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire rifle, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle, or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

BLACKBIRDS AND CROWS

All blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered depredators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

PHEASANT

Nov. 13-Jan. 31. Bag limit 2 males only. Possession 4 males only. Pheasant season restricted to the following portion of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes:

That portion west of Choupique Bayou south of US 90 and LA 27, west of LA 27 to north boundary of Sabine NWR, north of Sabine NWR north boundary to Sabine River, east of Sabine River to Intracoastal waterway, south of Intracoastal waterway to Gum Cove, east of Gum Cove Road to LA 108, north and east of LA 108 from Gum Cove Road to US 90, and south of US 90 from Vinton to Choupique Bayou.

FALCONRY

Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species EXCEPT turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until Feb. 29. See LAC 76:V.301 for complete regulations.

LICENSED HUNTING PRESERVE

Oct. 1-Apr. 30 Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. See LAC 76:V.305 for complete regulations.

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and a \$.05 /acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow or muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer transported. Failure to do so is violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. New rules for DMAP were being developed as this document went to press. Cooperators are urged to consult with the local region office for updates concerning this program.

FARM RAISED WHITE-TAILED DEER AND EXOTICS ON SUPPLEMENTED SHOOTING PRESERVES (See LAC 76:XIX.111 for complete regulations).

Farm Raised White-tailed deer: (Bucks only unless otherwise specified)

Archery:	Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (either-sex)
Modern Firearms	Nov. 1-Dec. 6, Dec. 21-23, Dec. 26-Jan. 31.
Either-sex:	Nov 1-3, Dec. 21-23, Dec. 26-30

Muzzleloader: Dec. 7-Dec 20 (Either-Sex)
Exotics : Either-sex, no closed season.

HUNTING - GENERAL PROVISIONS

A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See page XXX for exceptions.

No person born on or after Sept. 1, 1969 shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years or older. For course information, call(225)765-2932 or any Region Office.

A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

TAKING GAME QUADRUPEDS OR BIRDS from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

METHODS OF TAKING RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND QUADRUPEDS

Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds.

Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than a .36 caliber.

During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated and will be strictly enforced.

Shotguns larger than a 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly.

Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

NUISANCE ANIMALS

Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria and beaver cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

Louisiana Black Bear, Louisiana Pearl Shell (Mussel), Sea Turtles, Gopher Tortoise, Ringed Sawback Turtle, Brown Pelican, Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Whooping Crane, Eskimo Curlew, Piping Plover, Interior Least Tern, Ivory-

billed Woodpecker, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Bachman's Warbler, West Indian Manatee, Florida Panther, Pallid Sturgeon, Gulf Sturgeon, Attwater's Greater Prairie Chicken, Whales and Red Wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

UNREGULATED QUADRUPEDS

Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, unmarked hogs where legal, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes and bobcats are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.

HUNTING AND/OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS ON PUBLIC ROADS

Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot-lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights-of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

TAGS

Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of the antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow, muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

SEX IDENTIFICATION

Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the state of Louisiana, or on all turkey taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has thus become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting and storing of migratory game birds:

RESTRICTIONS - No person shall take migratory game birds:

With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.

With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.

From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).

From or with the aid of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance or any aircraft, EXCEPT that paraplegic and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body which involves both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

From or by means of any motor boat or sailboat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.

By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.

Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.

By driving rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sailboat to put them in the range of the hunter.

By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

CLOSED SEASON

No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

SHOOTING OR HAWKING HOURS

No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting and hawking as prescribed.

DAILY BAG LIMIT

No person shall take in any one day more than one daily bag limit.

FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT

No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

WANTON WASTE

All migratory game birds shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

TAGGING

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

1. The hunter's signature
2. The hunter's address
3. The total number of birds involved, by species
4. The dates such birds were killed.

Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

POSSESSION OF LIVE BIRDS

Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

DRESSING

No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and band-tailed pigeons) and then transport the bird from the field. The head or one fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

SHIPMENT

No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (a) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (b) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent and (c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

IMPORTATION

For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between a port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in a foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (EXCEPT as required in 20.63), drawn and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP (DUCK STAMP)

The law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older must carry on his person a valid Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (federal duck stamp) signed in ink across the face. Hunters younger than 16 may voluntarily purchase a duck stamp and help preserve wetlands for waterfowl. Louisiana law requires that persons between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non residents 16 years of age and older have a valid state duck stamp, signed in ink across the face, in possession while hunting ducks, geese and coots. All residents hunting migratory game birds (doves, ducks, goose, woodcock, rails, snipe, coots or gallinules) in Louisiana must be HIP certified in addition to their appropriate licenses.

NONTOXIC SHOT REGULATIONS AND ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

No person shall take migratory game birds while possessing shot other than steel or other approved shot. This restriction applies only to ducks, geese, brant, swans and coots.

DUAL VIOLATION

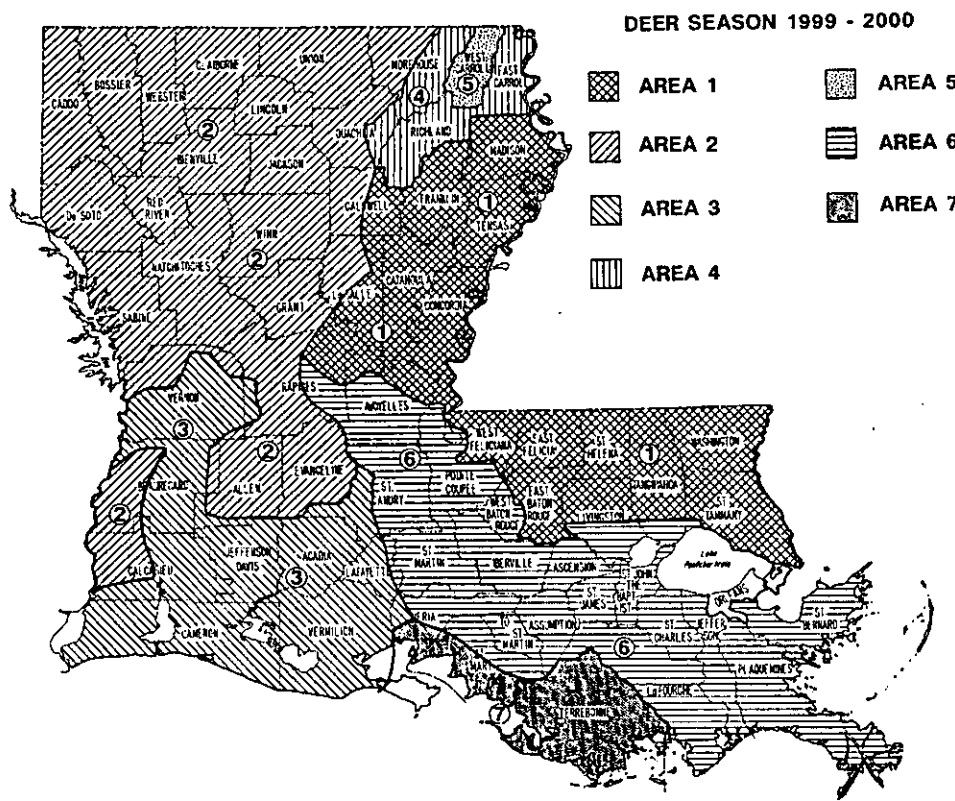
Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

REFERENCE

Federal regulations related to migratory game birds are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

CAUTION

More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal regulations, contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agent-In-Charge: Slidell (504) 257-7550; Denham Springs (225) 389-0360; Lafayette (318) 291-3100; Lake Charles (318) 437-7241; Monroe (318) 325-1735.



1999-2000 GENERAL DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS

- A. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.
- B. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited EXCEPT where specifically permitted.
- C. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, EXCEPT where otherwise permitted.
- D. Either-sex is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.
- E. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber center-fire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.
- F. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.
- G. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is

designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is permitted in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.

H. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

I. **MUZZLELOADER SEGMENT:** (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special State, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons). Still hunt only. See page XXX for specific hunting area dates. Specific WMAs will also be open. Check WMA schedule for specific details. A muzzleloader license is required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non resident 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. EXCEPT, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

Legal Muzzleloader Firearms for Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets, and be fitted only with iron sights or non-magnifying scopes EXCEPT persons 60 years or older may use magnified scopes. This includes muzzleloaders known as "in line" muzzleloaders.

J. **ARCHERY SEGMENT:** Still hunting only Oct. 1-Jan. 31 in all deer hunting areas, EXCEPT Area 3, where the season will be Sept. 18-Jan. 18. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. An archery license is required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Residents 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting. In such cases, archers must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Pointe-au-Chien WMAs. (SEE WMA for details).

BOW AND ARROW REGULATIONS: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

IT IS UNLAWFUL:

1. To carry a gun including those powered by air or other means while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.
2. To have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means EXCEPT that hand held releases are lawful.
3. To hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.
4. To hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared or laser sight.

K. **HUNTER ORANGE:** Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a cap or a hat that is completely covered with hunter orange material in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer

from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not permitted by agreement of the landowner or lessee. **WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".**

- L. **SPECIAL HANDICAPPED EITHER-SEX DEER SEASON ON PRIVATE LAND: Oct. 9-10.** Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.
- M. **SPECIAL YOUTH DEER HUNT: AREAS 1,4, 5 and 6-Nov. 6-7; AREA 2- Oct. 23-24; AREAS 3 and 7- Oct. 2-3.** Youth must be under the age of 16, must have completed a department approved hunter safety course, and must be accompanied by a licensed adult.

DESCRIPTION OF AREAS

**AREA 1 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES.
SEE PAGE 4-5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Catahoula	East Feliciana	St. Helena
Concordia	Franklin	Tensas
East Baton Rouge	Madison	Washington

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Avoyelles	North of LA 1.
Caldwell	East of US 165.
Grant	East of US 165 and south of LA 8.
LaSalle	Portion south of LA 8 from Little River eastward to LA 127 in Jena, east of LA 127 from Jena northward to US 165, east of US 165 from LA 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.
Livingston	North of I-12.
Rapides	East of 165 and north of Red River.
St. Tammany	All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.
Tangipahoa	North of I-12.
West Feliciana	All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

**STILL HUNTING ONLY
FOR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES**

Avoyelles	That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by LA 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaize structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with LA 451.
Catahoula	South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, west of LA 8 to LA 913, west of LA 913 and LA 15 to Deer Creek.
East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge	East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to LA 10, north of LA 10 from Thompson Creek to LA 67 at Clinton, west of LA 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line. South of Mississippi state line from LA 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of LA 67 from LA 64 north to Parish line, south of Parish line from LA 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to LA 64, north of LA 64 to LA 37 at Magnolia, east of LA 37 northward to LA 64 at Indian Mound, north of LA 64 from Indian Mound to LA 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of LA 67 from Parish line north to LA 959, south of LA 959, east to LA 63, west of LA 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to Parish line, north of Parish line westward to LA 67.
Franklin	All
St. Helena	North of LA 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier, westward to LA 449, east and south of LA 449 from LA 16 at Pine Grove northward to LA 1045, south of LA 1045 from its junction with LA 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from LA 1045 southward to LA 16 at Montpelier.
Tangipahoa	That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of LA 10 from the Tchefuncte River to LA 1061 at Wilmer, east of LA 1061 to LA 440 at Bolivar, south of LA 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from LA 440 southward to LA 10.
Washington and St. Tammany	East of LA 21 from the Mississippi State line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from LA 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to LA 21. Also, that portion of St. Tammany Parish north of LA 22 from US 190 to LA 1077, east of LA 1077 northward to junction with US 190, south and west of US 190 from LA 1077 to junction with LA 22. Also, that portion of Washington Parish south of LA 10 from the Tchefuncte River, eastward to the Bogue Chitto River, west of the Bogue Chitto River from LA 10 southward to St. Tammany Parish. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of LA 25 from Mississippi state line southward to LA 38, then west to Tangipahoa Parish line north along the Parish line to the Mississippi state line then east to LA 25.
West Feliciana	West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of US 61 and LA 966, east of LA 966 from US 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

**AREA 2 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES
SEE PAGE 4-5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Bienville	Jackson	Union
Bossier	Lincoln	Webster
Caddo	Natchitoches	Winn
Claiborne	Red River	
DeSoto	Sabine	

EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations; see page XXX, Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer, see page XXX and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen	North of US 190 east of Reeves and east of LA 113.
Avoyelles	That portion west of I-49.
Beauregard	East of LA 113. Also, west of LA 27 north to DeRidder and south and east of US 190 west of DeRidder to Texas State line.
Calcasieu	West of LA 27 north of Sulphur and north of US 90 from Sulphur to Texas State line.
Caldwell	West of US 165.
Evangeline	All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte.
Grant	All EXCEPT that portion south of LA 8 and east of US 165.
Jefferson Davis	North of US 190.
LaSalle	All EXCEPT south of LA 8 from Little River eastward to LA 127 in Jena, east of LA 127 from Jena northward to US 165, east of US 165 from LA 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.
Morehouse	West of US 165 (from Arkansas State line) to Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, west of LA 139 to junction of LA 593, west and south of LA 593 to Collinston, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and north of LA 134 to Ouachita Parish line.
Ouachita	All EXCEPT south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse Parish line.
Rapides	All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of US 165, south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill, and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to Parish line.

Vernon

East and south of LA 113, north and east of LA 465, west of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas State line.

**STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING
PARISHES**

Claiborne and Webster Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

Ouachita

East of Ouachita River.

Rapides

West of US 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish line, north of Parish line westward to US 165, east of US 165 northward to US 167 at Alexandria. North of LA 465 from Vernon Parish line to LA 121, west of LA 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 to LA 118 (Mora Road), south and west of LA 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

Vernon

East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to LA 465, east and north of LA 465 to Rapides Parish line.

**AREA 3 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES
SEE PAGE 4-5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen

South of US 190 and west of LA 113.

Beauregard

West of LA 113. Also, east of LA 27 north to DeRidder and north and west of US 190 west of DeRidder to Texas State line.

Calcasieu

East of LA 27, north of Sulphur and south of US 90 from Sulphur to Texas state line.

Iberia

West of US 90 and north of LA 14.

Jefferson Davis

All EXCEPT north of US 190.

Lafayette

West of I-49 and US 90.

Rapides

South of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

St. Landry

West of US 167.

Vernon

West and north of LA 113, south of LA 465, east of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas State line.

**AREA 4 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES
SEE PAGE 4-5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

All of East Carroll and Richland Parishes are open.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Morehouse East of US 165 (from Arkansas State line) to Bonita, south and east of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, east of LA 139 to junction of LA 593, east and north of LA 593 to Collinston, east of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and south of LA 134 to Ouachita Line.

Ouachita South of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse Parish Line.

**AREA 5 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES
SEE PAGE 4-5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF WEST CARROLL PARISH IS OPEN.

All deer hunting is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

**AREA 6 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATES
SEE PAGE 4-5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

ALL OF ORLEANS PARISH IS CLOSED TO ALL FORMS OF DEER HUNTING.

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Ascension	Plaquemines	St. John
Assumption	Pointe Coupee	St. Martin
Iberville	St. Bernard	Jefferson
St. Charles	Lafourche	
St. James	West Baton Rouge	

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Avoyelles South of LA 1 and also that portion east of I-49.

Evangeline That portion east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte.

Iberia East of US 90.

Lafayette East of I-49 and US 90.

Livingston South of I-12.

Rapides South of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 of Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to Parish line.

St. Landry	East of US 167.
St. Mary	North of US 90.
St. Tammany	That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.
Tangipahoa	South of I-12.
West Feliciana	West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

**STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR
PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES**

Plaquemines	East of the Mississippi River.
Rapides	South of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to Parish line.
St. Bernard	All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou La Loutre.
St. John	South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to US 51, east of US 51 from Pass Manchac to LA 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of LA 638 from US 51 to Lake Pontchartrain, west of Lake Pontchartrain from LA 638 to Pass Manchac.
St. Landry	Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by LA 359, west by LA 10, and south by LA 103.

**AREA 7 - SEE PAGE 4 FOR SEASON DATE
SEE PAGE 4-5 FOR EITHER-SEX DATES**

The following Parish is open:

Terrebonne

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Iberia and St. Mary Parishes

South of LA 14 and west of US 90.

1999-2000 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject the individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by the LDWF, they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

Wildlife Management Area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier 3:00 AM unless otherwise specified. Hunters must exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified. (NEW)

Lands within WMA boundaries will have same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt according to the regular season dates applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF regional office for additional information.

Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs is prohibited. Garbage and trash may be properly disposed of in designated locations if provided.

Disorderly conduct or hunting under the influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.

Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval.

Burning of the marsh is prohibited except by permit. (NEW)

Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region office.

Nature Trails - Access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material is prohibited.

Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations, includes both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals. (NEW)

PERMITS

DAILY

Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must check out daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

SELF-CLEARING PERMITS

On WMAs where Self-Clearing Permits are required all hunters must obtain a WMA Self-Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The **CHECK IN** portion **MUST** be completed and put in a permit box **BEFORE** each day's hunt on the day of the hunt. The **CHECK OUT** portion must be carried by each hunter while hunting and **MUST** be completed and put in a permit box **AFTER** each day's hunt on the day of the hunt unless otherwise specified.

WILD LOUISIANA STAMP

Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, must possess one of the following: a valid Wild Louisiana Stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

SPECIAL SEASONS

YOUTH DEER HUNT

Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed **EXCEPT** Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate Region Office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting area. Either-sex deer may be taken on the following WMAs during the dates specified: Oct. 23-24 on Boise Vernon, Georgia Pacific, Jackson-Bienville (portion), Loggy Bayou, Ouachita, Salvador/Timken, West Bay; Nov. 6-7 on Bens Creek (self-clearing permit required), Boeuf, Pearl River, Red River, Dewey Wills (south of Diversion Canal only), Sherburne and Spring Bayou; Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves and Camp Beauregard and Sabine WMAs will have a Youth Deer Hunt on Oct. 16-17.

HANDICAPPED SEASON

For hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunters Permit, Oct. 23-24, on West Bay and a portion of Jackson-Bienville; and Nov. 6-7 on Bens Creek (self-clearing permit required), Sherburne and a portion of Dewey Wills (north of Diversion Canal only). Participants must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Contact Region Office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves will have a Handicapped Deer Hunt on Oct. 16-17.

LOTTERY HUNTS, DEER

Bayou Macon and Buckhorn WMAs. Hunt restricted to those persons selected as a result of a pre-application lottery. Deadline for application is **Sept. 30, 1999**. A \$5 non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact Region Offices for applications. Hunters on Bayou Macon must check in to have permit validated at LA Hwy. 2 Permit Station. Hunters on both areas must check their deer out at a check station.

LOTTERY HUNTS, TURKEY

Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Deadline for applications is February 15, 2000. All turkeys must be reported at Self-clearing stations. Contact Region Offices for details. Consult separate turkey hunting regulations pamphlet for more details.

TRAPPING

Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at appropriate offices when required. Consult 1999-2000 Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the Region Office where the permit was obtained. *Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs.* Permits may be obtained only between the hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days at Region Offices. Hunter orange is required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office. (NEW)

RACCOON HUNTING

A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. **NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL RACCOON HUNTING.** All nighttime raccoon hunting where permitted is with dogs only. There is no bag limit. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the Region Office for WMAs where permits are required. *Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of raccoon or all hunting privileges on WMAs.* Permits, when required, may be obtained at Region Offices only between the hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

COMMERCIAL FISHING

Permits are required of all commercial fisherman using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Dewey Wills WMA north of LA 28 in diversion canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-au-Chien WMAs EXCEPT commercial fishing on Pointe-au-Chien is allowed in Cutoff Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet. Commercial and recreational crawfishing on Sherburne WMA, South Farms, is by permit only. *Permits available from the Region 6 office or Sherburne WMA headquarters.*

SPORT FISHING

Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador/Timken and Pointe-au-Chien.

ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT LANDS

The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, Evangeline, St. Helena Parish and other parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. The following hunting seasons are applicable to these tracts. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries Region Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

DEER: Archery only. Same as outside.

DOVES: Same as outside EXCEPT on Elbow Slough which is open first split only and steel shot required.

QUAIL AND WOODCOCK: Same as outside.

RABBIT AND SQUIRREL: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

FIREARMS

Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas.

Firearms and bows and arrows are not permitted on WMAs during closed seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not permitted on WMAs EXCEPT during regular archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing.

Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

Loaded firearms are not permitted near WMA check stations.

Center-fire rifles and handguns larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season.

Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads, trails and their rights-of-way is prohibited during modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season. (NEW)

METHODS OF TAKING GAME

On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands the daily limit shall be one deer per day, six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included).

Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters from the beginning of archery season on the area until Feb. 29 and only with guns/ammunition or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting.

Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have the deer checked at the check station on the same day of the kill.

Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during the early still hunt season unless so specified.

Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after sunset each day.

A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after sunset. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after sunset. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds.

Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.

Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sailboat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress there from has ceased.

Spot-lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

The use of horses and mules is prohibited for hunting or trapping on WMAs EXCEPT for quail hunting or as otherwise specified. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and turkey and EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials on Sandy Hollow WMA.

All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters as well as hunters participating during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO, all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange."

ARCHERY SEASON FOR DEER: The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either-sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunts are in progress.

Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when Bucks-Only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by Bucks-Only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

MUZZLELOADER SEASON FOR DEER: See WMA deer schedule.

CAMPING

Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is permitted only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless of whether the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. (NEW)

On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive

days. Permits are required for overnight camping and mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre. Houseboat mooring permits are required for Atchafalaya Delta WMA. Permits may be obtained from headquarters or from the New Iberia office (318)-373-0032 for Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

Anyone camping on WMAs is required to have an operational waste disposal system attached to the camper, trailer, houseboat or other unit; or a portable waste disposal unit to remove from the WMA all human waste upon leaving the WMA camping area. Discharge of human waste from a container on a WMA is prohibited. Additionally it is against both Federal and State law to discharge human waste into the waterways of Louisiana. (NEW)

Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

Non-Compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

RESTRICTED AREAS

For your safety **ALL** oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

DOGS

All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting and, when allowed, bird dog training. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

VEHICLES

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within Wildlife Management Areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbances of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles. ATV tires are restricted to those with maximum allowable tire pressure of 5 psi, as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal Watercraft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft are allowed on portions of Alexander State Forest WMA. No internal combustion engines allowed on certain Green Tree Reservoirs. See WMA for specific details. (NEW)

Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps, EXCEPT on Atchafalaya Delta WMA where ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles are prohibited. This restriction does not apply to bicycles. WMA maps available at all Region Offices.

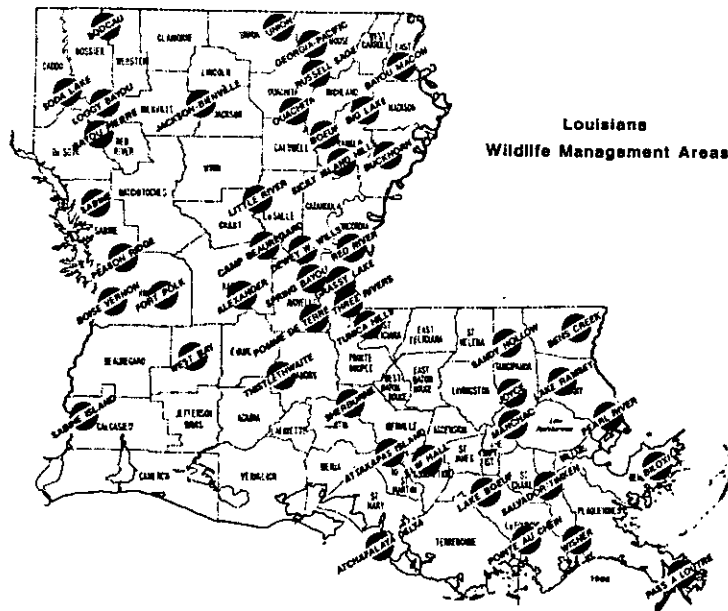
Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons is restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees are restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 70 years of age or older, with proof of age, are also permitted to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to Handicapped-Only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition or construction.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. *All roads* including trails and roads designated as ATV-Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through Sept. 15 and from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM unless otherwise specified. ATV off-road travel is prohibited permitted by sign on trail. Walk in only.

CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.



1999-2000 SEASON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

SMALL GAME (SQUIRREL, RABBIT, QUAIL, DOVE, WOODCOCK, SNIPE, RAIL, AND GALLINULE)

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons. EXCEPT Quail seasons closes Jan. 31 on Sandy Hollow and EXCEPT all small game hunting closed on Tunica Hills and Alexander State Forest during the muzzleloader season. No hunting on unharvested agricultural fields (not including food plots) prior to November 15 on Bayou Macon, Buckhorn, Red River, Sherburne and Ouachita WMAs. Consult the following WMA Hunting Schedules for exceptions or any other specific details. Also, see Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-au-Chien and Salvador/Timken for additional information. Unless otherwise specified under the specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited.

WATERFOWL (DUCKS, GEESE, AND COOTS)

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex seasons. Waterfowl hunting will be allowed on Bodcau and Salvador/Timken WMAs, Pintail Alley on Ouachita WMA, Pearl River south of Hwy. 90 and the South Farm Complex of Sherburne WMA during either-sex deer season. Hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited except on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-au-Chien and Salvador/Timken. Consult the specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs. Consult the following WMA Hunting Schedules for exceptions or any other specific details, including Lottery Waterfowl Hunt requirements for Red River and Sherburne WMAs.

HOGS

Unmarked hogs may be taken during any legal hunting season on designated WMAs by properly licensed hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress, beginning with opening of archery season and closing Feb. 29. On Dewey Wills WMA, consult the specific area for that portion of the WMA that allows hog hunting.

OUTLAW QUADRUPEDS AND BIRDS (COYOTES, ARMADILLOS, CROWS, BLACKBIRDS, STARLINGS, AND BEAVERS)

During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, incidental take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA.

**1999-2000 SEASON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
HUNTING SCHEDULES**

1. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST (Owner - Office of Forestry-LDAF - 8,092 Acres, Region 3):

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Oct. 30-31, Nov. 13-14, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex muzzleloader hunts for deer.

Waterfowl:

Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.
(Certain areas may be closed as posted).

Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreational areas.

2. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner - State of Louisiana - 137,000 Acres, Region 6):

Deer (Archery Only):

Oct. 1-Oct. 31, and during splits between regular duck season for the west zone and from the day after the regular duck season through Jan. 31. Main Delta only (Wax Lake Delta closed). No hunting in restricted areas. Special permit required from Atchafalaya Delta headquarters.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT shooting hours shall be ½ hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. during opening weekends of teal and duck seasons and ½ hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT beagles permitted for rabbits Nov. 1-Feb. 29. No hunting in restricted areas.

Trapping:

Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

3. ATTAKAPAS (Owner - State of Louisiana - 26,300 Acres, Region 6):

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, either-sex.

Dec. 18-Jan. 2, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Jan. 8-16, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

4. BAYOU MACON (Department Owned - 6,940 Acres, Region 2):

Deer:

Nov. 20-21, either-sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application Lottery. Hunters must check in at Hwy. 2 to have permit validated.

Archery:

All deer must be reported at Self-Clearing Station.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-3, either-sex. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-31. Self-Clearing Permit required.

All night activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

5. BAYOU PIERRE (Department Owned - 1,400 Acres, Region 1):

Waterfowl Refuge is closed to all hunting, trapping and fishing EXCEPT archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs.

Deer:

Oct. 1-Jan. 31, Archery only. Either-sex. Archery hunting for deer is allowed in the waterfowl refuge.

All Small Game:

Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

Waterfowl:

Entire area CLOSED for waterfowl hunting.

No ATVs or ATCs allowed on the area. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on parish roads and roads marked on WMA map.

6. BENS CREEK (Owner - Weyerhaeuser Co., Inc. - 13,500 acres, Region 7):

Area Closed:

Nov. 6-7, to all hunters EXCEPT Youth and Handicapped Hunters.

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters:

Nov. 6-7, entire area open to both groups. Permit required for Handicapped hunters must be obtained in advance from Region Office. Self-Clearing Permit required for youth and handicapped hunters.

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 28 and Dec. 11-Jan. 2, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Archery:

All deer killed must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 4-10 and Jan. 3-16, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm and youth hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. No hunting in restricted areas (See WMA map). Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

7. BIG COLEWA BAYOU (Department Owned - 910 Acres, Region 2):

Deer:

Archery only.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

ATV's restricted to designated trails. Refer to WMA map for location of designated trails. All other motorized vehicles prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited.

8. BIG LAKE (Department Owned - 19,221 Acres, Region 4):

Deer:

Nov. 26-27 either-sex, Daily Permit.

Nov. 28 and Jan. 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

9. BILOXI (Owner - Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation - 39,583 Acres, Region 7):

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT beagles permitted for rabbits when duck season is closed.

10. BODCAU (Owner - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 32,471 Acres, Region 1):

Deer:

Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, either-sex. Nov. 8-12, 15-19, 22-25, Nov. 29-Dec. 3, Dec. 6-10, bucks only.

Small Game:

Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

11. BOEUF -(Department Owned - 47,864 Acres, Region 4):

Area Closed:

Nov. 6-7, to all hunters EXCEPT for Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Nov. 6-7, either-sex.

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 28 and Jan. 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13. Dove hunting prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. No internal combustion engines and craft permitted in Green Tree Reservoir.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct 1-Feb. 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

12. BOISE-VERNON (Owner - Boise-Cascade Company - 54,269 Acres. Region 5):

Area Closed:

Oct. 23-24 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 23-24, either-sex.

Deer:

Oct. 30-31, either-sex. Daily Permit required.

Nov. 1-24, bucks only. Nov. 26-28, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader:

Nov. 29-Dec. 5, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 8-Feb. 13. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Waterfowl hunting after 2:00 PM prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-Feb. 13, Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.

13. BUCKHORN (Department Owned - 8,955 Acres, Region 4):

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

Nov. 28, Jan. 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Dove hunting prohibited in unharvested agricultural fields.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

14. CAMP BEAUREGARD (Louisiana National Guard - 12,500 Acres, Region 3):

Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self-Clearing permit required once per year at Range Central Building, telephone (318) 641-3355, 641-3365 or LDWF, Region III Office, telephone (318) 487-5885. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be reported on self-clearing checkout permit.

Area Closed:

Oct. 9-10 to all EXCEPT youth hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 9-10, either-sex, Daily Permit required. Permit available from Rifle Range Road Station only.

Deer:

Dec. 18-19 and Dec. 27-Jan. 2, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-5, either-sex Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside, EXCEPT closed during youth deer hunt. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

15. DEWEY W. WILLS (Formerly Saline)
(Department Owned - 60,276 Acres, Region 3):

Area Closed:

Nov. 6-7, to all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Handicapped Season:

Nov. 6-7, That portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal shall be open only to handicapped hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Nov. 6-7, That portion of the area south of the Diversion Canal shall be open to youth hunters only.

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 28 and Jan. 1-9, Bucks Only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-5, either-sex.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth/handicapped hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits

Jan. 17-Feb. 29 and squirrel hunting with dogs permitted from Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29 in fenced-in areas south and east of LA Hwy. 28. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area south and east of Hwy. 28. Also, free ranging livestock EXCEPT hogs prohibited in fenced-in area north of LA Hwy. 28.

Crawfish:

Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.

16. ELM HALL (Department Owned - 2,839 Acres, Region 6):

Deer:

Nov. 26, either-sex. Nov. 27-28 and Dec. 11-19, bucks only.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm deer hunts and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

No ATVs allowed.

17. FORT POLK (Owner - U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service - 109,855 Acres, Region 5):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk, telephone 1-888-718-3029 or (318) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-Sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. *Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited. Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunting.htm.

Deer:

Oct. 30-Nov. 24, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit.

Nov. 26-28, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Dec. 6-17, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit.

Dec. 18-19, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit.

Dec. 20-24, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit.

Dec. 25-26, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit.

Dec. 27-Jan. 2, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 4-5, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required, Special Permit, Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open. Special Archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #7654. Either-Sex deer legal Sept. 18-Jan.- 18. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when Bucks-Only gun season is in progress.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 8-Feb. 13.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept. 18-Feb. 29.

Fishing:

Special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific lakes.

18. GEORGIA-PACIFIC (Owner - Georgia-Pacific Corporation - 25,480 Acres, Region 2):

Area Closed:

Oct. 23-24, to all hunters EXCEPT youth hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 23-24, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Deer:

Nov. 6-14 bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required. Nov. 26-28, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 4-5, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Dogs permitted for squirrel hunting Jan. 17-Feb. 13. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30, Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

19. GRASSY LAKE (Department Owned - 13,297 Acres, Region 6):

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit required. Nov. 28 and Jan. 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Jan. 10-16, either-sex.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Sport Fishing:

Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper.

Commercial Fishing:

Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou Headquarters or Opelousas Region Office.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

20. JACKSON-BIENVILLE (Owner - Willamette Industries, et. al. - 32,000 Acres, Region 1): Self-Clearing Permits are required to hunt on Jackson-Bienville WMA EXCEPT when daily permits are required for the Nov. 6-7 either-sex deer hunts.

ATVs are allowed on non-public maintained gravel roads and timber management woods roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited from March 1 through Sept. 15.

Area Closed:

Oct. 23-24, on designated portions. Closed to all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters:

Oct. 23-24, for handicapped and youth hunters only on a portion of Jackson-Bienville WMA. Contact Minden Region Office for Handicapped Permits and specific map. Handicapped Permit must be obtained in advance from any Region Office. All deer and hogs killed must be reported at Field Office on North Road.

Note: Daily Permits for the Nov. 6 either-sex deer hunt will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 5 at the Field Office Daily Permit Check Station on North Road. Daily Permit Check Stations will be open at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6.

Deer:

Nov. 6-7, either-sex, Daily Permit required. Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required. Nov. 22-25, Dec. 13-Jan. 2, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

All deer and hogs harvested Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, Jan. 1-2 must be brought to the Field Office on North Road to be weighed, inspected, photographed and tagged. Wildlife Division personnel will be at the Field Office from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the days listed.

Archery:

Same as outside.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed Oct. 23-24 (portion) and Nov. 6-7. Rabbits may be hunted with beagles Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan 17-Feb. 13. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29. All hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station or Daily Permit Station.

21. JOYCE (Department Owned - 15,609 Acres, Region 7):

Deer:

Same as outside, still hunt only.

Muzzleloader:

Same as outside, still hunt only.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Swamp Walk:

Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

22. LAKE BOEUF (Department Owned - 786 acres, Region 7)

Hunting until 12:00 noon for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging.

Deer:

Archery only. Same as outside.

Small Game:

Same as outside.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1- Feb. 29.

23. LAKE RAMSEY (Department Owned - 800 Acres, Region 7):

Deer:

Archery only, either-sex. Oct 1-Jan 31.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Foot traffic only - All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

24. LITTLE RIVER (Department Owned - 3,277 Acres, International Paper, Corp.-887, Region 3):

Deer:

Nov. 6-14, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-5, either-sex.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 8-Feb. 13. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

25. LOGGY BAYOU (Department Owned - 4,213 Acres, Region 1):

Self-Clearing Permit required for all persons hunting on Loggy Bayou WMA EXCEPT when Daily Permits are required during the either-sex gun hunts for deer. Daily Permits will be available only from the Check Station at the campground.

Area Closed:

Oct. 23-24 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 23-24, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required. Refer to WMA General Regulations for hunt requirements. All other activities CLOSED.

Archery:

Oct. 1-Jan 31, EXCEPT closed Oct. 23-24 to all but Youth Hunters.

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Daily Permit available at main campground only.

Muzzleloader:

Nov. 29-Dec. 5, either-sex. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during modern firearm either-sex gun hunts for deer and youth hunts. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and closed Nov. 26-28. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-Feb. 13, Self-Clearing Permit required.

26. MANCHAC (Department Owned - 8,325 Acres, Region 7):

Deer (Archery Only):

Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Steel shot required for rails, snipe and gallinules.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Crabs:

No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

27. OUACHITA (Department Owned - 8,745 Acres, Region 2):

Area Closed:

Oct. 23-24 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Waterfowl Refuge:

North of LA Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 23-24, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Dec. 18-Jan. 2, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits required.

Waterfowl:

South of LA Hwy. 15, same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during waterfowl season.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Oct. 1-16, Oct. 30-Nov. 14, Jan. 17-Feb. 6, Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

Crawfish:

April 1-May 31, 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight.

Commercial Fishing:

Closed.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

28. PASS-A-LOUTRE (Department Owned - 100,000 Acres, Region 8):**Waterfowl:**

Same as outside.

Archery:

Same as outside. Either-sex, Special Permit required from Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters.

Small Game:

Same as outside. Beagles permitted only when duck and archery seasons are closed.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Commercial Fishing:

Same as outside, commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA Map.

Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

29. PEARL RIVER (Department Owned - 34,896 Acres, Region 7):**Area Closed:**

Nov. 6-7 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Nov. 6-7, either-sex. All deer and hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station.

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 28 and Dec. 11-Jan. 2, bucks only. All deer and hogs killed must be reported at Self-Clearing Check Station.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 4-11, Jan. 3-16, either-sex. All deer and hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Check Station.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area. Closed north of US Hwy. 90 during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Oct. 2-17 and Jan. 17-30, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29. All hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station.

All roads closed 8 p.m. - 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet EXCEPT waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90.

No hunting in the vicinity of the Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs.

Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a \$5.00 fee.

30. PEASON RIDGE (Owner - U.S. Army - 33,488 Acres, Region 5):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk, telephone no. 1-888-718-3029 or (318) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-Sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. *Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers, or making

use of noises or noise making-devices is prohibited.
Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system.
Special federal regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued. (www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunting.htm).

Deer:

Nov. 6-Nov. 24, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits.
Nov. 26-28, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permits.
Dec. 6-17, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits.
Dec. 18-19, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permits.
Dec. 20-24, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits.
Dec. 25-26, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permits.
Dec. 27-Jan. 2, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 4-5, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permits required. Special Permits available at Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **Jan. 8-Feb. 13**.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1-Feb. 29**.

31. POINTE-AU-CHIEN (Department Owned - 30,037 Acres, Region 8):

Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified below. Point Farm: (Gate will be open during opening weekend of the second split of dove season and all weekends during the month of Feb.). No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches.

Deer:

Nov. 26-28 and **Dec. 4-12**, bucks only, EXCEPT no gun hunting allowed on Point Farm property (Archery only).

Archery:

Same as outside.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during duck season and gun hunts for deer. Point Farm property, same as outside EXCEPT beagles prohibited during opening weekends of each dove season segment.

Dove:

Shooting hours same as outside season during opening weekends only of each season segment on Point Farm properties, otherwise morning hunting only.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 12 noon prohibited

All Other Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Recreational Fishing:

Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait.

Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only.

Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day.

Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish is for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. are prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue.

Vehicles are prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the Department.

32. POMME DE TERRE (Department Owned - 7,064 Acres, Region 6):

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit. **Nov. 28** and **Jan. 1-9**, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Jan. 10-16, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbit **Jan. 17-Feb. 29**. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **Jan. 17-Feb. 13**. Waterfowl hunting after 2:00 p.m. prohibited.

Commercial Fishing:

Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing Permits

available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou Headquarters.

Sport Fishing:

Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct 1-Feb. 29.

Crawfish:

Apr. 1-July 31, 100 pounds per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

33. RED RIVER (Department Owned - 24,326 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers - 11,717 Acres, Region 4):

Area Closed:

Nov. 6-7 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Nov. 6-7, either-sex.

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 28 and Jan. 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer and EXCEPT no hunting in unharvested agricultural fields.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Portions of area (Yahey Farm) restricted to pre-application Lottery. Deadline for application is Sept. 24, 1999. Contact Region Office for details. Only waterfowl hunting allowed on Yahey Farm.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited

Crawfishing prohibited on Yahey Farms wetland restoration projects.

34. RUSSELL SAGE (Department Owned - 17,280 Acres, Region 2):

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Dec. 18-Jan. 2, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits required.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan 17-Feb. 13. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Oct. 1-16, Oct. 30-Nov. 14 and Jan. 17-Feb. 6, Permit required from Monroe Region Office.

Crawfish:

100 pounds per person per day limit.

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

Note: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (US 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

35. SABINE (Owner - International Paper Company, Boise-Cascade Co, Et Al - 14,780 Acres, Region 3):

Area Closed:

Oct. 16-17, to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 16-17, either-sex.

Deer:

Nov. 6-7, 26-28, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required. Nov. 8-24, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 11-12, 18-19, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunt for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29 and Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 8-Feb. 13. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan 17-30.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

36. SABINE ISLAND (Owner - State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board - 8,103 Acres, Region 5):

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 8-Feb. 13.

Deer:

Same as Area 2 Deer Season EXCEPT still hunt only.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-Feb. 13, Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

37. SALVADOR/TIMKEN (Department Owned - 30,600 Acres, Region 8):

Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging.

Area Closed:

Oct. 23-24 to all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Oct. 23-24, either-sex, no permit required, see Youth Deer Hunt regulations.

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, either-sex. Dec. 7-20, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 4-5, either-sex.

Archery:

Same as outside.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts and youth hunt for deer and EXCEPT beagles prohibited during duck and gun hunts for deer. Steel shot required for Gallinule

Waterfowl:

Same as outside.

Recreational Fishing:

Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes.

Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day.

Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 h.p. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie Du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited.

Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited.

Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans Region Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

38. SANDY HOLLOW (Department Owned - 3,397 Acres, Region 7):**Deer:**

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required. Nov. 28, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required. Dec. 11-26, bucks only. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Archery:

All deer killed must be reported at Self-Clearing Check Station.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbit hunting Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

Quail & Woodcock:

Same as outside EXCEPT Quail opens Nov. 15 (Monday) and closes Jan 31 and EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Dove:

Sept. 4 and Sept. 11-12 only of first split. Closed remainder of 1st split, second and third splits are same as outside EXCEPT Youth Hunt on Northern tract during the opening day of the first segment (Sept. 4). Hunt restricted to youths younger than 16 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

Waterfowl:

Same as outside season EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Bird Dog Training:

Sept. 7-Nov. 13 and Feb. 1-March 2 EXCEPT restricted to that portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and EXCEPT blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

Bird Dog Field Trials:

Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office.

Horseback Riding:

Organized trail rides prohibited.

Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas.

No motorized vehicles off designated roads.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

39. SHERBURNE (Department Owned - 11,780 Acres; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - 15,220 Acres; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 15,690 Acres, Region 6):

The area known as the South Farm is located on the East Side of Sherburne WMA. No hunting will be allowed EXCEPT waterfowl hunting within the levee system of the farm from the day after the Youth Deer Hunt until the day after waterfowl season closes including the Youth Waterfowl Hunt. Waterfowl hunting will be allowed by lottery only. Hunting will be allowed in the wooded portions east of the waterfowl impoundments. Consult the WMA maps for exact locations.

Area Closed:

Nov. 6-7 EXCEPT to Youth and Handicapped hunters.

Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt:

Nov. 6-7 either-sex, ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED. Permits for handicapped hunters must be obtained from Region Offices. Youth Permits must be obtained daily from WMA Permit Stations.

Deer:

Nov. 26-28 and Dec. 4-5, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Jan. 1-9, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permits.

Muzzleloader:

Jan. 10-16, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Squirrel & Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunt for deer.

Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 17-Feb. 13.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, & Gallinules:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited EXCEPT no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge and EXCEPT steel shot only on waterfowl impoundments. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to Lottery hunts only. All other hunting closed on South Farm complex Nov. 8-Jan. 25. Contact the Region Office for details and description of "South Farm."

Woodcock:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Dove:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer.

Quail:

CLOSED.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan 17-30, Permit required from WMA Headquarters or Opelousas Office.

Crawfishing:

April 1-July 31, Permits required for East Farms from Area Headquarters.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

Vehicular traffic prohibited on East Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office, telephone (225) 765-2931. No trespassing in restricted areas behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

40. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (Department Owned - 7,464 Acres, Region 4):

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 28, Jan 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2:00 p.m. prohibited

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Firearms and any game harvested may not be transported through the area EXCEPT during the corresponding open season on area.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

41. SODA LAKE (Caddo Levee District - 1,300 Acres, Region 1):

Entire area is Walk-In only. No motorized vehicles allowed. Access into the area is allowed only from south end of the area off of Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

Deer:

Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex, archery only, walk-in only.

Sport Fishing:

Apr. 1-Aug. 31.

42. SPRING BAYOU (Department Owned - 12,078 Acres, Region 6):

Area Closed:

Nov. 6-7, EXCEPT to Youth Hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt:

Nov. 6-7, either-sex.

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 28 and Jan 1-9, bucks only. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader:

Jan 10-16, either-sex. Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer, EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in Refuge area during duck season. Beagles permitted for rabbits, Jan. 17-Feb. 29.

Commercial Fishing:

Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Sport Fishing:

Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Crawfish:

100 pounds per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor.

No hunting allowed in Headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area.

Rules and Regulations posted at campsite. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite.

Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

43. THISTLETHWAITE (Owner - Thistlethwaite Heirs - 11,100 Acres, Region 6):

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, either-sex, Daily Permit. Dec. 4-12, bucks only, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 20-26, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and EXCEPT waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA map).

All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only.

All users must enter and leave through Main Gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

44. THREE RIVERS (Department Owned - 23,222 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers - 1,085 Acres, Region 4):

Deer:

Nov. 26-27, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 28 and Jan. 1-9, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Dec. 2-3, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits, Jan. 17-Feb. 29. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. is prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

45. TUNICA HILLS (Department Owned - 3,366 Acres, Region 7):

Muzzleloader:

Nov. 20-Dec. 5, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Archery:

Same as outside. All deer killed must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed Nov. 20-Dec. 5 and waterfowl hunting after 2:00 p.m. prohibited

Shotguns and muzzleloaders only north of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract).

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from
Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map.

Camping prohibited on area.

North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the public EXCEPT during open hunting season.

46. UNION (Owner - Plum Creek Timber Co., Louisiana Correctional Facilities Corp., et al - 12,852 Acres, Region 2):

Deer:

Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **Jan. 17-Feb. 29.** Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters from
Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

47. WEST BAY (Owner - Boise-Cascade Co., Kirby Lumber Co., Quatre-Parish Co., et al - 62,115 Acres, Region 5):

Area Closed:

Oct. 23-24, to all hunters EXCEPT youth and handicapped hunters.

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters:

Oct. 23-24, for handicapped and youth hunters only.

Permit for handicapped hunters must be obtained in advance from the Region Office. Youth Permits must be obtained from the Wolf Bay Camping Area Permit Station on Hwy. 112.

Deer:

Nov. 6-7, either-sex, Daily Permit required.

Nov. 8-24, bucks only. **Nov. 26-28,** either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required.

Muzzleloader:

Nov. 29-Dec. 5, either-sex.

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts and youth hunts for deer. Beagles permitted for rabbits **Jan. 17-Feb. 29.**

Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **Jan. 8-Feb.**

13. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Jan. 17-30, permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

Road Travel and Hunting Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

48. WISNER (Owner - Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee - 21,621 Acres, Region 8):

Small Game & Waterfowl:

Same as outside EXCEPT rabbit season closed during open waterfowl season. Beagles permitted during closed waterfowl season.

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

(EXCEPT Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District & Caney Ranger District)

Deer:

Oct. 30-31, either-sex, muzzleloader

Nov. 6-7, either-sex, still hunt only.

Nov. 8-15, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only.

Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only.

Dec. 11, either-sex, with or without dogs.

Dec. 12, bucks only, with or without dogs.

Dec. 26-30, bucks only, with or without dogs.

National Forest lands within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District, described in still hunt only area shall be still hunt only.

**VERNON UNIT OF THE CALCASIEU
RANGER DISTRICT, VERNON PARISH
Excluding Fort Polk WMA**

Deer:

Oct. 30-31, either-sex, muzzleloader

Nov. 6-7, either-sex, still hunt only.

Nov. 8-15, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only.

Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only.

Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only.

Dec. 11-12, bucks only, still hunt only.

Dec. 26-30, bucks only, still hunt only.

**CANEY RANGER DISTRICT, WEBSTER AND
CLAIBORNE PARISHES**

Deer:

Same as outside (Area 2) EXCEPT still hunt only.

***See Area 2 on page 5 for either-sex dates in Webster and Claiborne Parishes.**

All Other Game:

Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs:

May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress.

The placing of seed, corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement for any species including hogs is prohibited on National Forest Lands, EXCEPT by Special Permit issued by the U.S. Forest Service. Hunting over such feed is prohibited on all National Forest lands.

Moving deer or hogs with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noise or noise-making devices is prohibited

**NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT PRESERVE**

(Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 36,000 Acres in Grant and Winn Parishes):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits required as indicated below:

Deer:

Oct. 16-17, either-sex, special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, Daily Permit. Special Permit must be obtained in advance from Forest Supervisor's Office.

Oct. 30-31, either-sex, muzzleloader.

Nov. 6-7, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT beagles permitted for rabbit. **Jan. 17-Feb. 29** only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

Squirrel:

Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **Jan. 17-Feb. 13**

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Dogs permitted **Jan. 17-30**.

All Other Game:

Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

**NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT PRESERVE**

(Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 38,000 acres in Natchitoches Parish):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits required as indicated below:

Deer:

Oct. 16-17, either-sex special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically disabled hunters only, Daily Permit. Special Permit must be obtained in advance from Forest Supervisor's Office.

Oct. 30-31, either-sex, muzzleloader.

Nov. 6-7, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit:

Same as outside EXCEPT beagles permitted for rabbit. **Jan. 17-Feb. 29**, only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

Squirrel:

Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs permitted **Jan. 17-Feb. 13**.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Dogs permitted **Jan. 17-30**.

All Other Game:

Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360, telephone (318) 473-7160. Office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**CORPS OF ENGINEERS - INDIAN BAYOU
AREA (18,000 Acres within St. Landry Parish):**

Annual Hunting Permit required. Permits may be obtained from Corps of Engineers Headquarters, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577, telephone (318) 585-0854 or 585-0853 for more information.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Area Closed:

Nov. 6-7, EXCEPT to youth and handicapped hunters.

Youth & Handicapped Hunters Deer Hunt:

Nov. 6-7, either-sex. ALL OTHER SEASONS
CLOSED.

All Other Deer Hunting:

Self-Clearing Deer Tag Required. Daily Limit-1
Deer; Yearly Limit-4 Deer (2 Does; 2 Bucks, 6-
Points or better) EXCEPT spikes less than 3
inches legal on either-sex days ONLY.

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, either-sex.
Dec. 4-5, either-sex.
Dec. 18-26, bucks only.

Muzzleloader:

Nov. 13-19, either-sex.
Jan. 24-30, bucks only.

Archery:

Same as outside season.

Small Game:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex

modern firearm hunts for deer. Dogs permitted for
squirrels Dec. 29-Jan. 23. Dogs permitted for
rabbits Jan. 31-Feb. 29.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail & Gallinule:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either -
sex modern firearm hunts for deer and hunting
after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon (Nighttime):

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts
for deer. Additional Permit required for night
hunting.

Crawfishing:

Feb. 1-Aug. 31 Additional Permit required,
available Jan. 1.

Dove and Woodcock:

Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex
modern firearm hunts for deer.

Quail:

Closed.

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✓Soil and Water Conservation ✓Recreation ✓Aesthetics
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For details contact

LDAF
Pat Beard
225-925-4500



LDWF
Laura Cox
318-343-4044

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Doves	Sept., Oct., Dec.-Jan.	15	30
Snipe	Nov. -Feb.	8	16
Woodcock	Dec. -Jan.	3	6
Teal (Blue-Winged, Green-Winged, Cinnamon)	Sept.	4	8
King & Clapper Rails	Sept. Nov. -Dec.	15 In the Aggregate	30
Sora & Virginia Rails	Sept. , Nov. -Dec.	25 In the Aggregate	25 In the Aggregate
Gallinules	Sept. ; Nov. -Dec.	15	30

Anyone hunting migratory birds (dove, snipe, woodcock, rails, gallinules, ducks, geese and coots) will be required to have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) Permit. The HIP Permits can be obtained, free of charge, from any licensed vendor upon completion of a short questionnaire.

Shooting Hours

1. Teal, Rail, Gallinule, Snipe and Woodcock: One-Half Hour before sunrise to sunset.
2. Dove: One-Half Hour before sunrise to sunset EXCEPT on Sept. 5-6, Oct. 17-18, and Dec. 12-13 when shooting hours will be 12 noon to sunset.

MAP, PERMIT AND ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION

For enforcement information on regulations call Region 1 at (318) 371-3049; Region 2 at (318)343-2417; Region 3 at (318) 487-5634; Region 4 at (318) 757-3072; Region 5 at (318) 491-2588; Region 6 at (318) 948-0257; Region 7 at (225)765-2999; Region 8 at (504) 568-5616 and Region 9 at (504)-447-0821.

Requests for information on maps, permits and WMAs may be directed to any Region or Fur and Refuge Office: Region 1, P.O. Box 915, Minden LA 71055, telephone (318)371-3050; Region 2, 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe LA 71203, telephone (318) 343-4044; Region 3, 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville LA 71360, telephone (318) 487-5885; Region 4, P.O. Box 426, Ferriday LA 71334, telephone (318)757-4571; Region 5, 1213 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles LA 70601, telephone (318) 491-2575; Region 6, 5652 Hwy. 182, Opelousas LA 70570, telephone (318) 948-0255; or Region 7, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge LA 70898-9000, telephone (225) 765-2360; New Orleans Fur and Refuge (504) 568-5885; New Iberia Fur and Refuge (318) 373-0032, Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge (318)-538-2276.

**1999-2000 LICENSE FEES AND INFORMATION
MANDATORY HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING**

All persons born on or after September 1, 1969, must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to purchase a Basic Hunting License.

NEW: Non-residents may purchase recreational fishing and hunting licenses by telephone using Visa or MasterCard. Call toll free: (888) 765-2602.

RESIDENT HUNTING FEES	Prices
1. Basic Season (Excluding Big Game)	\$10.50
2. Big Game (Required of all deer and turkey hunters in addition to basic license)	\$10.50
3. Bow License	\$10.50
4. Muzzleloader License	\$10.50
5. Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp (State Duck Stamp)	\$5.50
6. Universal License(Res. Fishing, Saltwater, Basic Hunting, Big Game, Bow, Muzzleloader)	\$53.00
7. Wild Louisiana Stamp	\$5.50
8. Louisiana Wild Turkey Stamp (Required of all Turkey hunters in addition to basic and big game licenses)	\$5.50
9. Wild Louisiana Stamp (1 Day)	\$2.00
10. Harvest Information Program Stamp	Free

All persons hunting migratory game birds (doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, rails, snipe, coots or gallinules) in Louisiana must be HIP certified in addition to their appropriate licenses.

NON-RESIDENT HUNTING FEES	
1. Basic Season (Excluding Big Game)	\$86.00
2. 5-Day Trip (Excluding Big Game)	\$51.00
3. Non-Resident All Game (Basic Hunting and Big Game)	\$160.50
4. Non-Resident All Game-Trip (5 days) (Basic Hunting and Big Game)	\$95.50
5. Bow License	\$25.50
6. Muzzleloader License	\$25.50
7. Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp (State Duck Stamp)	\$13.50
8. Non-Resident Migratory Game Bird (3-Day Trip)	\$45.50
9. Louisiana Wild Turkey Stamp (Required of all turkey hunters in addition to basic and big game licenses)	\$10.50
10. Harvest Information Program Stamp	Free

All persons hunting migratory game birds (doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, rails, snipe, coots or gallinules) in Louisiana must be HIP certified in addition to other appropriate licenses.

LIFETIME LICENSE FEES

Lifetime hunting and lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses include basic hunting, big game hunting, muzzleloader, bow hunting, state waterfowl stamp, and turkey stamp.

1. Resident Hunting; Age 14 and older	\$300.00
Under age 14	\$200.00
2. Resident Combination Hunting & Fishing; Age 14 and older	\$500.00
Under age 14	\$300.00
3. Resident Fishing; Age 14 and older	\$300.00
Under age 14	\$200.00
4. Non-Resident Hunting & Fishing	\$3,000.00

OTHER FEES (For applications please call (225-765-2898))

Commercial Hunting Preserve (pen-raised birds only);
Expires June 30

\$200.00

Game Breeder

(Raising and selling wild game birds and/or wild game quadrupeds);

Expires December 31

\$25.00

EXCEPTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

- A. The following recreational fishermen and hunters are not required to obtain a basic recreational fishing license, saltwater license, basic hunting license, big game license or migratory waterfowl conservation stamp, but must have proof of age in their possession whenever fishing or hunting:
 1. Residents 60 years of age or older
 2. Residents and non-residents younger than 16 years of age
- B. The following recreational fishermen and hunters, upon identification and proof of eligibility satisfactory to the Department, shall be issued a basic recreational fishing license, saltwater license, basic hunting license and big game license without payment of any fees:
 1. A resident who is a VETERAN of the armed forces or Louisiana National Guard, having a permanent SERVICE CONNECTED disability classification of fifty percent (50%) or more. Must submit form signed by parish service officer.
 2. A resident who is blind, paraplegic or is a multiple amputee. Must submit doctors statement.
- C. Persons in the armed forces of the United States on active military duty and the resident dependents shall for licensing purposes, be given resident privileges.
- D. No person born on or after Sept. 1, 1969, shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.
- E. Any citizen of this state on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and who is assigned to an active duty post located outside the State of Louisiana shall not be required to obtain a license or pay a fee to hunt and fish while visiting in the state, provided that he has in his possession proper written evidence that his absence from his active duty assignment is authorized. This exemption shall not apply to the migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp. This includes all non-commercial hunting and fishing licenses and recreational gear licenses.

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES
POSSESSION TAG FOR RESIDENT GAME**

No person shall give, put or leave resident game animals or birds at any place or with another person unless the resident game animals or birds or parts of the resident game animals or birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

Hunter's Name _____
Hunter's Address _____
Basic License No. _____ Big Game License No. _____
Parish Taken _____
Date Taken _____
Species _____ No. _____ Sex of Deer: Buck _____ Doe _____

Tags shall be attached, secured to or enclosed with the part or parts. Failure to comply with tagging regulations may result in citations issued. Consult Hunting Regulations Pamphlet (R.S. 56:124-125).

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**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES
POSSESSION TAG FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS**

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory birds at any place or with another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunters with the following information:

Hunter's Name _____
Hunter's Address _____
Date Killed _____
Hunter's Signature _____

Species	Number	Species	Number
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Failure to comply with tagging regulations may result in citations issued. Consult Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations Pamphlet (50 CFR 20.36).

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES
POSSESSION TAG FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS**

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory birds at any place or with another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunters with the following information:

Hunter's Name _____
Hunter's Address _____
Date Killed _____
Hunter's Signature _____

Species	Number	Species	Number
_____	_____	_____	_____
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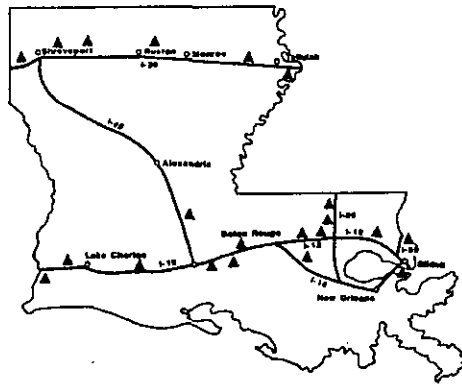
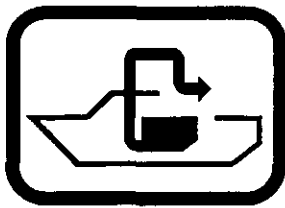
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Hunter's Name _____
Hunter's Address _____
Date Killed _____
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▲-indicates rest areas with sewage disposal station

CLEAN WATER-LIFE DEPENDS ON IT

Clean water is important to all of us. In one form or another, almost every living thing depends upon clean water to survive. One important way for boaters and fishermen to help protect and improve the quality of our waters is to eliminate the discharge of sewage.

Sewage discharges, whether from an on-board toilet or "head," or from the careless dumping of a portable toilet, are both highly unsightly and unhealthy. Sewage can ruin areas for swimming, water skiing and other sports. Sewage also contains large amounts of disease carrying bacteria and viruses. Those microorganisms can contaminate shellfish beds and productive fishing areas. As a result, affected shellfish are unfit for human consumption, and decaying sewage can seriously degrade fishing opportunities by depleting the oxygen level in the water.

What You Can Do?

1. Use shore-side toilet facilities before going out on the water.
2. Dispose of waste from portable toilets or on-board sewage holding tanks properly at marine pump out stations or roadside sewage dump stations.

MARINA OWNERS/OPERATORS

Boaters can legally and properly dispose of waste only at roadside (rest area) RV dump stations or at properly installed and operated marine pump out and dump stations. Some marinas already have such facilities and boaters use them regularly.

To assist marinas with the cost of installing such facilities, Congress passed the Clean Vessel Act of 1992. The Act is administered in Louisiana by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, which will reimburse marinas owners/operators up to 75 percent of the cost of installing or renovating approved disposal facilities. To help with operational costs, marina may charge up to \$5.00 per use for facilities built or maintained with Clean Vessel Act funds. For further information, please contact: Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Socioeconomic Section, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, or call 225/765-2868.

BOATERS

Both federal and state laws prohibit the discharge of untreated sewage into inland waterways or coastal waters within three miles of shore.

Recreational vessels with toilets installed are required to have a properly operating Coast Guard certified Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) in operation. Although MSDs may be equipped with a Y-valve that allows the discharge of sewage in offshore waters, those valves must be secured and locked in a closed position anytime the vessel is operating in U.S. territorial waters.

Portable toilets are not classified as installed toilet facilities and are not subject to MSD certification or regulation. It is illegal to empty any portable toilet into the waterway.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET - NEW ORLEANS AREA
Central Standard Time (Add one hour when on Daylight Savings Time)

	SEPT.		OCT.		NOV.		DEC.	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
DAY	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1	5:37	6:23	5:53	5:46	6:14	5:14	6:38	5:00
2	5:38	6:22	5:54	5:45	6:15	5:13	6:39	5:00
3	5:38	6:21	5:55	5:44	6:15	5:12	6:40	5:00
4	5:39	6:19	5:55	5:42	6:16	5:11	6:41	5:00
5	5:39	6:18	5:56	5:41	6:17	5:10	6:41	5:00
6	5:40	6:17	5:56	5:40	6:18	5:10	6:42	5:00
7	5:40	6:16	5:57	5:39	6:19	5:09	6:43	5:00
8	5:41	6:15	5:58	5:38	6:19	5:08	6:44	5:01
9	5:41	6:13	5:58	5:37	6:20	5:08	6:44	5:01
10	5:42	6:12	5:59	5:35	6:21	5:07	6:45	5:01
11	5:42	6:11	5:59	5:34	6:22	5:07	6:46	5:01
12	5:43	6:10	6:00	5:33	6:23	5:06	6:46	5:01
13	5:44	6:08	6:01	5:32	6:23	5:05	6:47	5:02
14	5:44	6:07	6:01	5:31	6:24	5:05	6:48	5:02
15	5:45	6:06	6:02	5:30	6:25	5:04	6:48	5:02
16	5:45	6:05	6:03	5:29	6:26	5:04	6:49	5:03
17	5:46	6:03	6:03	5:28	6:27	5:04	6:50	5:03
18	5:46	6:02	6:04	5:27	6:28	5:03	6:50	5:04
19	5:47	6:01	6:05	5:26	6:28	5:03	6:51	5:04
20	5:47	6:00	6:05	5:25	6:29	5:02	6:51	5:04
21	5:48	5:58	6:06	5:24	6:30	5:02	6:52	5:05
22	5:48	5:57	6:07	5:23	6:31	5:02	6:52	5:05
23	5:49	5:56	6:07	5:22	6:32	5:01	6:53	5:06
24	5:49	5:55	6:08	5:21	6:33	5:01	6:53	5:06
25	5:50	5:53	6:09	5:20	6:33	5:01	6:54	5:07
26	5:51	5:52	6:09	5:19	6:34	5:01	6:54	5:08
27	5:51	5:51	6:10	5:18	6:35	5:01	6:54	5:08
28	5:52	5:50	6:11	5:17	6:36	5:00	6:55	5:09
29	5:52	5:49	6:12	5:16	6:37	5:00	6:55	5:10
30	5:53	5:47	6:12	5:15	6:37	5:00	6:56	5:10
31			6:13	5:14			6:56	5:11

	JAN.		FEB.		MAR.		APR.	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
DAY	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1	6:56	5:12	6:51	5:37	6:27	5:59	5:50	6:19
2	6:56	5:12	6:50	5:38	6:25	6:00	5:49	6:19
3	6:57	5:13	6:50	5:39	6:24	6:01	5:48	6:20
4	6:57	5:14	6:49	5:40	6:23	6:01	5:47	6:21
5	6:57	5:15	6:48	5:41	6:22	6:02	5:45	6:21
6	6:57	5:15	6:48	5:42	6:21	6:03	5:44	6:22
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22	6:55	5:29	6:34	5:54	6:02	6:13	5:26	6:32
23	6:55	5:30	6:33	5:55	6:01	6:13	5:25	6:32
24	6:55	5:31	6:32	5:56	6:00	6:14	5:24	6:33
25	6:54	5:31	6:31	5:56	5:59	6:15	5:23	6:33
26	6:54	5:32	6:30	5:57	5:57	6:15	5:22	6:34
27	6:53	5:33	6:29	5:58	5:56	6:16	5:21	6:35
28	6:53	5:34	6:28	5:59	5:55	6:16	5:21	6:35
29	6:52	5:35	6:28	5:59	5:54	6:17	5:20	6:36
30	6:52	5:36			5:53	6:18	5:19	6:37
31	6:51	5:37			5:51	6:18		

SUNRISE AND SUNSET CONVERSION TABLE FOR OTHER AREAS

For the other areas listed, add the number of minutes shown in the monthly table below to the daily figures given in the New Orleans Area table above. This will furnish central standard time sunrise and sunset figures for any particular day in these areas.

	Alexandria		Baton Rouge		Lafayette		Lake Charles		Monroe		Shreveport	
	Area		Area		Area		Area		Area		Area	
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Sept.	9	11	4	5	8	8	12	13	6	10	13	17
Oct.	11	10	5	4	7	8	13	12	9	7	16	14
Nov.	12	8	5	3	8	7	13	12	11	4	18	11
Dec.	13	7	5	3	8	7	13	12	13	2	21	10
Jan.	13	7	6	3	8	7	13	11	13	2	20	10
Feb.	10	9	4	4	8	8	12	12	9	6	16	14
Mar.	10	11	4	5	7	8	12	13	8	9	14	16
Apr.	8	12	3	5	8	8	12	12	6	11	11	19

Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge 1999 - 2000 Proposed Hunt Schedule

Species:	Turkey
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	To Be Determined at a Later Date
Bag Limit:	2 per License Year
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	Squirrel (No Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Oct. 2 - Dec. 17 (Closed During Deer Gun Hunts)
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	Squirrel (With / Without Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Dec 20 - Jan 31
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	Rabbit (No Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Oct. 2 - Dec. 17 (Closed During Deer Gun Hunts)
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	Rabbit (With / Without Dogs)
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Dec 20 - Jan 31
Bag Limit:	State Limits Apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes:	None

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:
Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Raccoon
General Gun
Dec 20 - Jan 31
State Limits Apply
Season Permit on Brochure
None

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:
Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Either-Sex Deer
Archery
Oct 30 - Jan 31
State Limits Apply
Season Permit on Brochure
None

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:
Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Either-Sex Deer
Youth
Nov 13 - 14
One Deer per Day
Season Permit on Brochure Proof of Hunter
Education Required
None

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:
Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Either-Sex Deer
Limited Youth
Dec 28 - 30
One Deer per Day
Season Permit on Brochure Proof of Hunter
Education Required
One Day Added

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:
Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Either-Sex Deer
Muzzleloader
Nov 29 - Dec 3
One Deer per Day
Season Permit on Brochure
None

Species:
Type Hunt:
Season:
Bag Limit:
Permit:
Significant Changes:

Either-Sex Deer
General Gun - 1
Nov 26 - 27
One Deer Per Day
Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)
None

Species: Either-Sex Deer
Type Hunt: General Gun - 2
Season: Dec 18 - 19
Bag Limit: One Deer Per Day
Permit: Limited Permit Hunt (Lottery)
Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Tues. Thur. Sat. Sun. Until Noon During
Regular State Season. Closed During Gun
Hunts For Deer
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: Limited Youth
Season: State Youth Waterfowl Day
Bag Limit: State limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure Proof of Hunter
Education Required
Significant Changes: New

Species: Hogs
Type Hunt: General Gun and Archery
Season: Open during squirrel, rabbit, and archery
season. Closed during general gun hunts,
muzzleloader hunt, turkey season. Daylight
hours only.
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permits on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

Species: Woodcock
Type Hunt: General Gun
Season: Dec 20 - Jan 31
Bag Limit: State Limits Apply
Permit: Season Permit on Brochure
Significant Changes: None

LAKE OPHELIA NWR
PROPOSED HUNTS FOR 1999/2000

SMALL GAME (Squirrel & Rabbit, no Dogs)

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: First Saturday in October through 31 October 1999
and during refuge waterfowl hunt season
(Tues, Thur, Sat, Sun).

Significant Changes: Open during waterfowl season.

SQUIRREL & RABBIT (DOG SEASON)

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 15 January to 06 February 2000

Significant Changes: Open two weeks earlier and end rabbit &
squirrel on same date.

ARCHERY DEER

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 01 November 1999 through 31 January 2000 (closed
during refuge youth shotgun and muzzleloader deer
hunts).

Significant Changes: Increase in days from 48 to 83 days.

YOUTH SHOTGUN DEER HUNT

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 06-07 November 1999

Significant Changes: NONE

MUZZLELOADER

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 04-05, 07-09, 11-12, December 1999.

Significant Changes: Days opened decreased from nine to seven and
bag limit reduced from one deer per day to
one deer per hunt.

Lottery - 400 permits per hunt

WATERFOWL

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: Tue, Thur, Sat, Sun during the second split of
the state waterfowl season.

Significant Changes: NONE

WOODCOCK & SNIPE

Acres Open: 9300

Dates/Days Open: 18 December 1999 to 31 January 2000.

Significant Changes: Increased open days from 37 to 50.
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CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Proposed Hunts For 1999-2000

Hayden
Assistant Manager

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and unmarked hog
Type Hunt: Gun (.22 rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
Season: First day of State season through October 31
Bag Limit: State Regulations
Significant Changes: None

Species: Deer and unmarked hog (squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon incidental)
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulation (either-sex)
Permits: Season permit and daily bag report
Significant Changes: None

SMALL GAME SEASON

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Days open	28	29
Visits	365	464
Hours Hunted	835	1187
Squirrels	334	1112
Rabbits	0	5
Raccoons	24	25
Hogs	1	0

ARCHERY DEER SEASON

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Days open	101*	123
Visits	318	444
Hours Hunted	1183	1480
Deer	8	7
(Sex)	(2D, 6B)	(3D, 4B)
Cripples	0	0
Hogs	4	7

* Season closed 22 days early due to flooding.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Ave.</u>	<u>#</u>
<u>Deer</u>		<u>wt.</u>	<u>Points</u>
2	½ yr	55 lbs	BB, -
3	2 ½ yr	143 lbs	8, -, -
1	4 ½ yr	210 lbs	8
1	5 ½ yr	225 lbs	9

Note: All ages and weights estimated by hunters sign-out sheets.

**SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1999-00 PROPOSED HUNTING REGULATIONS**

SPECIES:	Early Teal (September)
TYPE HUNT:	General Gun
SEASON:	Morning until noon on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday during Louisiana season for the Western Zone
BAG LIMIT:	Same as State
PERMITS:	Required
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:	None

SPECIES:	Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots, and Geese)
TYPE HUNT:	General Gun
SEASON:	Morning until noon on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday during Louisiana season for the Western Zone
BAG LIMIT:	Same as State
PERMITS:	Required
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:	None

SPECIES:	Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots, and Geese)
TYPE HUNT:	Youth Hunt
SEASON:	Same as State
BAG LIMIT:	Same as State
PERMITS:	Required
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:	None

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Proposed Hunt Dates: Delta NWR 1999-2000

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex)

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck seasons, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Rabbit: From the day after the state duck season closes through February 28⁹. Shotguns only, nontoxic shot only.

Hogs: May be taken during the deer archery hunt.

Recommended By: Howard Portwine 2/24/99
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: _____
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: My 3/2/99
Louisiana Department of Wildlife Date
and Fisheries

Proposed Hunt Dates: Bogue Chitto NWR (Louisiana) 1999-2000

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex), January 1-16 (either sex)

Deer: General Gun Hunt--November 26-27 (either sex), November 20-25, November 28, December 18-26 (Bucks only)

Still hunt only, no dogs permitted during refuge deer hunts.

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Non-toxic shot only.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Non-toxic shot only.

Raccoon: January 17 - February 29 (with dogs)

Turkey: State season (gobblers only)

Waterfowl: State season until noon

- Woodcock: State season. Non-toxic shot only - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge deer archery and general gun hunts. Additionally: from January 17 - February 29, hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during daylight hours only. All hogs must be killed prior to removal from the refuge.

Possession of lead shot during refuge small game hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By:

Howard D. Pate
Refuge Manager

2/24/99
Date

Approved By:

District Manager, USFWS (RF-1)

Date

Concurrence By:

DAW
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

3-2-99
Date

Proposed Hunt Dates: Big Branch Marsh NWR 1999-2000

Deer: Archery--State season

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck season, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs, except may be taken with the aid of dogs after the close of the state deer season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.

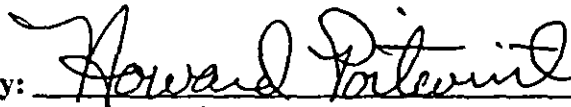
Snipe: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Woodcock: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge archery hunt.

Possession of lead shot during all refuge hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By:



Refuge Manager

2/24/99

Date

Approved By:

District Manager, USFWS (RF-1)

Date

Concurrence By:



Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

3-2-99

Date

Lee R. Fulton

D'ARBONNE AND UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES
PROPOSED SEASONS, 1999-2000* **

Species: Waterfowl
Season: Mornings only during State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: Adding geese to list of species

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, quail, woodcock,
Type Hunt: General -- dogs allowed for squirrel
and rabbit hunting after the last
refuge deer gun season
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

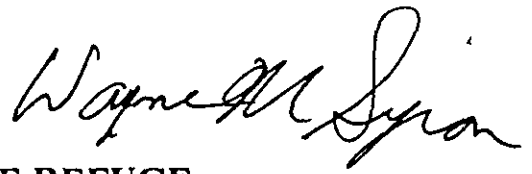
Species: Raccoon and opossum
Type Hunt: General
Season: December only (may also take raccoons and
opossum during rabbit season)
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer
Type Hunt: General (gun, archery)
Season: November 13-14, November 26-28/7
Bag Limit: State regulations
Significant Changes: None

* the refuge hunting brochure serves as the required permit

** beaver, coyote and feral hog may be taken during any of the
above seasons



**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 1999/2000 SEASON**

Migratory Game Birds

Species:	Waterfowl.
Type Hunt:	General gun.
Season:	Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons (including early teal and youth hunt) for western zone.
Bag Limit:	Same as state bag limits.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	None.

Hunting of geese, ducks and coots is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted Wednesday through Sunday.
2. Hunting ends at noon each day.
3. Hunters may not enter the hunting area before 4 am.
4. Hunting is not permitted within 50 yards of a canal or waterway.
5. Hunters must use and be in possession only of shells containing Federally approved non-toxic shot and firearms legal for hunting waterfowl.
6. Only portable blinds are permitted. Blinds must be spaced a minimum of 150 yards apart.
7. Decoys may not be set to attract waterfowl after noon each day.
8. Decoys and blinds must be removed from the refuge by the last day of each season and each split of a split season.
9. Hunting is not permitted during the goose-only portion of the waterfowl season.
10. Motorized boats may be used only in canals and bayous. Access into the marsh and ponds is permitted by walking, poling, paddling or rowing.
11. Hunters may scout in the hunting area from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset during the week prior to each season.

**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 1999/2000 SEASON**

Big Game

Species:	Deer, either sex.
Type Hunt:	Archery.
Season:	October 1 through 31.
Bag Limit:	One deer of either sex per day.
Permits:	Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.
Significant Changes:	None

Hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted from October 1 through October 31.
2. Only archery hunting is permitted.
3. Permanent deer stands not permitted. Portable stands must be removed by October 31.
4. No person may possess or distribute bait or hunt over bait.
5. No firearms allowed.
6. Hunters may scout from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset prior to the season.
7. All boats are prohibited in Lacassine Pool and Unit A after October 15. The following boat access restrictions apply: Lacassine Pool - boats with motors of 25 hsp. or less from Oct. 1 - 15; Unit A - boats without motors from Oct. 1 - 15; Canals and Bayous outside Lacassine Pool - no limitation on motors Oct. 1 - 31; and Marshes outside Lacassine Pool - boats without motors Oct. 1 - 31.

**BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
(Proposed) 1999-2000 HUNT SCHEDULE**

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

RABBIT AND SQUIRREL

General Gun

Oct. 2 - Nov. 5

Jan. 22 - Feb. 6, 2000

State Regulations

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

Archery

Nov. 6 - Nov. 26

Dec. 3 - Jan. 21, 2000

State Regulations

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

General Gun (Youth Hunt)

Nov. 27 - 28

State Regulations

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

DEER (EITHER SEX)

Muzzleloader

Nov. 29 - Dec. 2

State Regulations

General Permits

None

SPECIES:

Type Hunt:

Season:

Bag Limits:

Permits:

Significant Changes:

WOODCOCK

General Gun

Jan. 22 - Jan. 31, 2000

State Regulations

General Permits

None

3/2/99 Thomas J. Brown, Asst. Refuge Supervisor

**CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1999 HUNT SEASON**

Species:	Either-sex deer
Type hunt:	Archery
Season:	All dates of October
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	Season permits required
Other requirements:	Must have proof of completion for the International Bowhunters Education Program.
Stands:	Only portable stands may be used And must be removed by October 31 of each year.
Firearms:	None are allowed
Check stations:	All deer harvested must be checked at a self-clearing check station.
Significant changes:	None

Youth Waterfowl Hunt: 1999

Species:	Waterfowl (ducks & geese)
Type hunt:	Limited Youth (up to 2) accompanied by an adult. 5 blinds hunted/day
Season:	Selected Saturdays of Louisiana west zone duck season. Possibly 1 - 2 days during Thanksgiving & Christmas school holidays.
Bag limit:	State regulations
Permits:	One day permits to be issued through lottery drawing.
Other requirements:	All youth and adult participants must have proof of completion of Louisiana hunter education course or accepted state hunter education course.
Firearms:	Shotguns with approved non-toxic shot.
Significant changes:	None

Paul [Signature]

SPECIAL AREAS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

SEASON FRAMEWORK FOR BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE (BAFB) AND LOUISIANA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT (LAAP)

The following is the regular special hunting season framework for both areas. The seasons are set by their wildlife consultants and the respective base commanders.

Barksdale Air Force Base (BAFB) Bossier Parish - All seasons are to be set within the outside dates EXCEPT: All deer seasons are either-sex.

Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant (LAAP) Bossier and Webster Parish - All seasons are to be set within the outside season dates EXCEPT: All deer seasons are either-sex.

AVERY ISLAND DEER SEASONS

Area 7 season dates but either-sex the entire season.

FMHA TRACTS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

HUTCHISON CREEK WMA/PROPOSED REGULATION 1999-2000

Small Game and Turkey: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only for rabbits.

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1 - Jan. 31.

No camping area.

HUNTING SEASON ON ELBOW SLOUGH

Dove hunting is allowed the same as outside for the first split only. Steel shot is required since the area is a waterfowl refuge. No other hunting is allowed at this time.

MARSH BAYOU AND WALNUT HILL WMA 1999-2000 HUNTING SEASON

Marsh Bayou and Walnut Hill WMA

Small game - same as State seasons and regulations.

Marsh Bayou WMA

- Deer same as Area 2 deer seasons EXCEPT still hunting only

Walnut Hill WMA

Deer same as Area 3 deer seasons.

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

The Department requests the Commission approve a special either-sex deer season for the Camp Avondale Scout Reservation in East Feliciana Parish:

November 6-8, November 13-14, 1999.

Purpose of the Scout Hunt

There are 2 primary reasons for the Scout Deer Hunt on the Avondale Boy Scout Reservation:

1. To provide some quality outdoor recreational opportunities for the Scouts, and to promote a close father/son activity.
2. To provide a biological control of the deer herd. Without some type of hunting the deer herd will continue to expand beyond the ability of the range to support it. Overpopulation will result in deterioration of the range and decline in herd health.

Background

Most of East Feliciana Parish has a late deer rut occurring from mid-December to early January. When the Scout hunt was first initiated 15 years ago it was conducted late in the year. The resulting kill was very low despite high deer populations. A number of years later Department Biologist, Dave Moreland discovered and was able to document the deer herd in the Avondale area had very early rut similar that encountered in western Louisiana. It was determined there is a small area near Clinton which exhibits the odd early rut.

For a number of years the Department designated an earlier opening season zone for this small area which enabled hunters to take advantage of the early rut. Several years ago a group of local landowners circulated a petition requesting this deer hunting season area be moved back into the later zone and be similiar to that of the rest of the parish. No significant objection was heard from most other landowners in the small zone, and after being warned most of the rut would be over before the season even started, the Department went ahead and moved the small block back into the later Area 1 zone. Special Commission approval has been obtained to hold an early hunt on the Scout Reservation ever since.

Need for the Special Season

The purpose of the Avondale Scout Reservation is to provide a place for as much Scouting activity as possible to be conducted. The Scout Office is concerned when a gun hunt is held on the Reservation, as all other Scouting activities must be shut down

during the hunt for obvious safety and liability reasons.

Understandably, the Scout Office is reluctant to shut the Reservation down any longer than absolutely necessary to adequately control the deer population. Therefore, it is necessary to shoot the deer herd as hard as possible in the shortest period of time. Deer activity and movement is at its highest during the rut. This is why we want to schedule Reservation hunt during the rut when the deer are most active and vulnerable to harvest.

As previously stated, the deer rut on the Avondale Scout Reservation has been documented to occur the first two weeks of November. This is before the Area 1 season opens.

A special Commission approved early season allowing the Boy Scout Office to control the deer herd on Avondale Scout Reservation is requested.

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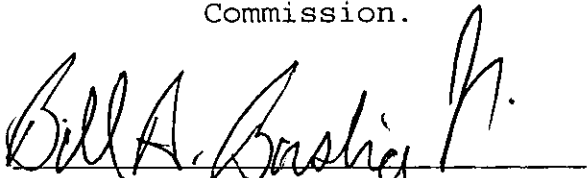
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Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Seasons

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and 116 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the

Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire, muzzleloader rifle .36 caliber or smaller or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain

WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Blackbirds and crows. ALL blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows are considered crop depredators in Louisiana and may therefore be taken year round during legal shooting hours with no limit. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

4. Pheasant

a. Bag limit - 2 (males only). Possession limit - 4.

b. Pheasant season restricted to the following portion of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes: That portion west of Choupique Bayou south of U.S. 90 and La. 27, west of La. 27 to north boundary of Sabine NWR, north of Sabine NWR north boundary to Sabine River, east of Sabine River to Intracoastal waterway, south of Intracoastal waterway to Gum Cove, east of Gum Cove Road to La. 108, north and east of La. 108 from Gum Cove Road to U.S. 90, and south of U.S. 90 from Vinton to Choupique Bayou.

5. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until the last day of February. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

6. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

7. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow and muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is moved from the site of the kill. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in immediate cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

8. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or

Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

Hunting: In its different tenses and for purposes of this rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the

regulations pamphlet.

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only.

d. Shooting Hours

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag Limit

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969 shall hunt with a firearm unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course taught or approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. However, a person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by and is under the direct and immediate supervision of a person 18 years of age or older.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer or turkey. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of taking resident game birds and quadrupeds

a. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey and migratory game birds. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

b. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific

restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

6. Nuisance animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria and beaver cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required during open trapping season to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken.

7. Threatened and endangered species - Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Unregulated quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, unmarked hogs where legal, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase

only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes and bobcats are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.

9. Hunting and/or discharging firearms on public roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights-of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

10. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow and muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it

cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

11. Sex identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the State of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is en route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically permitted.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise permitted.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer.

Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

5. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

6. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

7. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is permitted in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open,

check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and be fitted only with iron sights or non-magnifying scopes EXCEPT persons 60 years of age or older may use magnified scopes. This includes those muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Residents 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archer's must conform to the bucks only

regulations. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Point-au-Chien WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

(d). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared or laser sight.

11. Hunter orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a cap or a hat that is completely covered with hunter orange material in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not permitted by agreement of the landowner or lessee. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

13. Special Youth Deer Hunt. See regulations pamphlet for dates.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Catahoula, East Feliciana, St. Helena, Concordia, Franklin, Tensas, East Baton Rouge, Madison, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also

open:

- i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1.
- ii. Caldwell - East of U.S. 165.
- iii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La.

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iv. LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

v. Livingston - North of I-12.

vi. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of Red River.

vii. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

viii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

ix. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou

des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville, southward to its juncture with La. 451.

ii. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

iii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi line. South of Mississippi line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iv. Franklin - All

v. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west

of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

vi. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vii. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi line, south of the Mississippi line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also that portion of St. Tammany Parish north of La. 22 from U.S. 190 to La. 1077, east of La. 1077 northward to junction with U.S. 190, south and west of U.S. 190 from La. 1077 to junction with La. 22. Also, that portion of Washington Parish south of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River, eastward to the Bogue Chitto River, west of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 10 southward to St. Tammany Parish. Also that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi state line

southward to La. 38, then west to the Tangipahoa parish line, north along the parish line to the Mississippi state line then east to La. 25.

viii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Jackson, Union, Bossier, Lincoln, Webster, Caddo, Natchitoches, Winn, Claiborne, Red River, DeSoto, Sabine.

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - North of U.S. 190 east of Reeves and east of La. 113.

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Beauregard - East of La. 113. Also, west of La. 27 north to DeRidder and south and east of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iv. Calcasieu - West of La. 27 north of Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

v. Caldwell - West of U.S. 165.

vi. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

vii. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

viii. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

ix. LaSalle - All EXCEPT south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to Caldwell Parish line.

x. Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

xi. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and

east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

xii. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 113 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

xiii. Vernon - East and south of La. 113, north and east of La. 465, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road),

south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

iv. Vernon - East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to La. 465, east and north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 north to DeRidder and north and west of U.S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - East of La. 27 north of Sulphur and south of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La.

113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

i. All deer hunting is for bucks only including muzzleloader season.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of

deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open:
Ascension, Plaquemines, St. John, Assumption, Pointe Coupee, St.
Martin, Iberville, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lafourche,
St. James, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also
open:

i. Avoyelles - South of La. 1 and also that
portion east of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to
junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte
and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red
River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey
Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12,
west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River,
west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

d. Still hunting only in all of the following parishes:

i. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

ii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iii. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

iv. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

v. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

7. Area 7

a. The following parish is open: Terrebonne.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

Iberia and St. Mary Parishes - South of La. 14 and west U.S. Hwy. 90.

G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering upon a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 3:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. Hunters must exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect

to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt according to the regular season dates applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF regional office for additional information.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.

i. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.) and wild plants is prohibited without prior approval. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region Office.

j. Burning of marshes is prohibited except by permit.

k. Nature trails. Access to trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down)

or other natural material prohibited.

l. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

m. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations, includes both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

n. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

2. Permits

a. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

b. Self Clearing Permits. On WMAs where Self Clearing Permits are required, all hunters must obtain a WMA Self Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's hunt on the day of the hunt. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each hunter while hunting and MUST be completed and put in a permit box

AFTER each day's hunt on the day of the hunt unless otherwise specified. A vehicle tag will also be associated with the Self Clearing Permit and must be displayed in the vehicle while on the WMA.

c. Wild Louisiana Stamp. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, shall be required to possess one of the following: a Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth deer hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate region office for special check station

locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

b. Handicapped Season. For hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit only. Participants must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons.

c. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact region offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

d. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at Self Clearing station. Contact Region Offices for more details. Consult separate Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery hunts.

e. Trapping. Permits to take fur bearers from WMAs may be obtained at appropriate offices when required. Consult

Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the Region Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days at region offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office.

f. Raccoon hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAS. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - Season dates for specific WMAS are for nighttime raccoon hunting and permits may be required. There will be no bag limit for raccoons at night unless specified in the annual regulations pamphlet. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the region office for WMAS where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of raccoon or all hunting privileges on WMAS. Permits, when required, may be obtained at region offices only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

g. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and

Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-Au-Chien WMAs EXCEPT shrimping allowed on Pointe-Au-Chien in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake during daytime only. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges. Commercial and recreational crawfishing on Sherburne WMA, South Farms, is by permit only. Permits available from the Opelousas Office or Sherburne WMA Headquarters. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

h. Sport fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador /Timken and Pointe-Au-Chien.

i. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, Evangeline and St. Helena parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate

Wildlife and Fisheries Region Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAS. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas.

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not permitted on WMAs during closed hunting seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not permitted on WMAs EXCEPT during regular archery season, turkey season or EXCEPT as permitted for bowfishing.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not permitted near WMA check stations.

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns, arms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads and trails or their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day, six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Consult the specific WMA for additional information. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting.

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt

season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

g. On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges, all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after sunset each day.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after sunset. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal, poles, wire, mesh, webbing or any materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after sunset. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are also prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.

m. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAS.

n. The use of horses and mules is prohibited for hunting or trapping on WMAs EXCEPT for quail hunting or EXCEPT as otherwise specified. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and turkey and EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials on Sandy Hollow WMA.

o. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters as well as hunters participating during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

p. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open to either sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAS. Archery season restricted or closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth

or handicapped hunters are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Muzzleloader season for deer. See WMA deer schedule.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is permitted only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times

of the year, mooring period is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for camping and overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre. Houseboat mooring permits are required for Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area. Permits may be obtained from headquarters on respective WMAs or from the New Iberia office for Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

c. Anyone camping on WMAs is required to have an operational waste disposal system attached to the camper, trailer, houseboat or other unit or a portable waste disposal unit to remove all human waste upon leaving the WMA camping area. Discharge of human waste on a WMA is prohibited. Additionally it is against both Federal and State law to discharge human waste into the waterways of Louisiana.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

h. Swimming prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. All oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting and bird dog training when allowed, having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAS. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be held liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAS having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

b. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual

maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

c. Tractor implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles. ATV tires are restricted to those with maximum allowable tire pressure of 5 psi, as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

d. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexandria State Forest WMA.

e. No internal combustion engines permitted in certain Greentree reservoir.

f. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

g. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

h. Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, ATCs and

motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps, except on Atchafalaya Delta WMA where ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles are prohibited. WMA maps available at all region offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

i. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 70 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also permitted to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

j. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

k. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition or construction.

l. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. All roads including trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be closed

to ATVs from March 1 through September 15 and from two hours after sunset to 3:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. ATV off-road travel is prohibited unless permitted by signs on trail. Walk-in only.

m. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

10. Wildlife Management Areas Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

11. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet.

12. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet.

13. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

14. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet.

16. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations:

a. Alexander State Forest. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming

from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

b. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited.

c. Attakapas. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

d. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

e. Bayou Pierre. No ATVs or ATCs allowed on the area. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on parish roads and roads marked on WMA map.

f. Bens Creek. All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. No hunting in restricted areas. (See WMA Map). Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer and during the spring turkey season.

g. Big Colewa Bayou. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Refer to WMA map for location of designated trails. All other motorized vehicles prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited.

h. Big Lake. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

i. Biloxi

j. Bodcau

k. Boeuf. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

l. Boise-Vernon. Road travel and hunting restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.

m. Buckhorn. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

n. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. All game harvested must be reported.

o. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Roads may be closed during wet weather conditions.

p. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.

q. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special regulations apply to ATV users.

r. Georgia-Pacific. EXCEPT as otherwise provided, all nighttime activities prohibited.

s. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas Region Office. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. No hunting in restricted area.

t. Jackson-Bienville. ATVs are allowed on non-

public maintained gravel roads and timber management roads and trails. However, all ATVs/ATCs prohibited March 1 through September 15.

u. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

v. Lake Boeuf

w. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

x. Little River. Roads may be closed during wet conditions.

y. Loggy Bayou

z. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

aa. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ab. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass,

Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay and Northshore Bay oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

ac. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a fee.

ad. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

ae. Pointe-au-Chien. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for DOVE hunting as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open during opening weekend of the second split of dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat

per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue. Vehicles prohibited on Point Farm properties unless authorized by the department.

af. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ag. Red River. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Crawfishing prohibited on Wetland Restoration Areas.

ah. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

ai. Sabine

aj. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

ak. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted

portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. Special Use Permits may be issued for persons interested in clearing existing ditches (trenasses). Permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact New Orleans Region Office-Fur and Refuge Division.

al. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as permitted for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. No

motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

am. Sherburne. Crawfishing: permits required, for South Farms from Area Headquarters. Free-ranging livestock prohibited. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River Basin levee road within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area. No commercial activity on ANWR, except trapping.

an. Sicily Island Hills. Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area. Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

ao. Soda Lake. Entire area is walk-in only - no motorized vehicles allowed. Access into the area is allowed only from south end of the area off of Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

ap. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any

day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: 100 lbs. per person per day limit. Permit required from area supervisor. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

aq. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

ar. Three Rivers. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in area.

as. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATV's restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area. North of Highway 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the public EXCEPT during open hunting season.

at. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

au. West Bay. Road Travel and Hunting

Restrictions: All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads. Hunting prohibited on roads designated for motorized vehicular travel.

av. Wisner

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25: (July 1999).

Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

Chapter 3. Particular Game and Fish Preserves and Commissions

§311. Atchafalaya Delta WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:101 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: (July 1999).

§312. Pointe-au-Chien WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:102

(February 1989), repealed LR 25: (July 1999).

§313. Salvador WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:103 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: (July 1999).

§314. Pass-a-Loutre WMA

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:104 (February 1989), repealed LR 25: (July 1999).

§327. Timken Wildlife Management Area

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq. and 56:109.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:860 (September 1996), repealed LR 25: (July 1999).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 8, 1999.

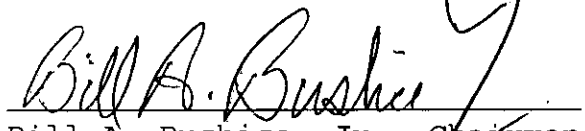
WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a hunting season in 2000 for turkeys, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

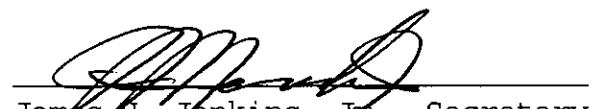
WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.



Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July meeting does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of wild turkeys.

2000 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON SCHEDULE

Daily limit is one gobbler, three gobblers per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited.

No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

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remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

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(Shooting hours - one-half hour

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Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/season

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2000 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

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Area A

March 25-April 23

All of the following parishes are open:

East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, LaSalle, Livingston, Natchitoches (Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for National Forest dates), St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

Portions of the following parishes are also open:

Allen: North of La. 26 from DeRidder to the junction of La. 104 and north of La. 104.

Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River northward from Simmesport, on the north by Red

River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by La. 452 from Brouillette to La. 1 eastward to Simmesport, and that portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend Levee from its junction at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville southward to its junction with La. 451.

Beauregard: North of La. 26 east of DeRidder, north and east of U.S. 171-190 from the junction of La. 26 to DeRidder, and north of U.S. 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line.

Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line, east of La. 165 from LaSalle Parish line to the junction of La. 126, north of La. 126 westward to the Winn Parish line.

Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, north of La. 559 to La. 124, south and west of La. 124 from Duty Ferry to La. 8 at Harrisonburg and north of La. 8 to La. 126, north and east of La. 126. ALSO that portion lying east of La. 15.

Concordia: That portion east of Hwy. 15 and west of Hwy. 65 from its juncture with Hwy. 15 at Clayton.

Evangeline: North and west of La. 115, north of La. 106 from St. Landry to La. 13, west of La. 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of La. 104 west of Mamou.

Franklin: That portion lying east of Hwy. 17 and east of Hwy.

15 from its juncture with Hwy. 17 at Winnsboro.

Grant: All of the parish except that portion of land that lies north of the Red River between U.S. 71 and La. 8.

Iberville: West of La. Hwy. 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

Madison: That portion lying west of U.S. Hwy. 65 and south of U.S. Hwy. 80.

Pointe Coupee: All except that portion bounded on the west by La. 77 and La. 10, northward from U.S. 190 to La. 1 at Morganza, on the north and east by La. 1 to its junction with La. 78 and by La. 78 from Parlang to U.S. 190. Further EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

Rapides: All of the parish except that portion of lands that lies north of the Red River and south of U.S. Hwy. 71 from its juncture with the Red River northward to the Grant Parish line.

Richland: That portion south of U.S. Hwy. 80 and east of Hwy. 17.

Sabine: That portion north of Hwy. 6 from Toledo Bend Lake to Many; east of Hwy. 171 from Many to the Vernon Parish line.

St. Landry: That portion bounded on the north by U.S. 190, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee. ALSO that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the West

Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its junction with the old O.G. Railroad right-of-way then by the O.G.R.R. right-of-way westward to U.S. 71 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Guide Levee to its junction with La. 10, EXCEPT the Indian Bayou tract owned by the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin.
EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

Tensas: That portion west of Hwy. 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with Hwy. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

Vernon: That portion east of Hwy. 171 from the Sabine Parish line to the junction of Hwy. 111, south of Hwy. 111 westward to Hwy. 392, and south of Hwy. 392 westward to the Sabine Parish line.
Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates.

Area B

April 1-April 16

All of the following parishes are open:

Bienville, Bossier, Claiborne, Lincoln, Red River, Webster, including Caney Ranger District of Kisatchie National Forest.

Portions of the following parishes are open:

Caddo: That portion north of La. 2 from the Texas state line to U.S. 71, east of U.S. 71 from La. 2 to I-20, south of I-20 from U.S. 71 to U.S. 171, and east of U.S. 171 to the DeSoto Parish line.

DeSoto: That portion east of U.S. 171 from the Caddo Parish line to U.S. 84 and south of U.S. 84.

East Carroll: East of U.S. 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line.

Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to La. 144, west of La. 144 to La. 34, west of La. 34 to Chatham, north and west of La. 4 from Chatham to Weston, north and west of La. 505 from Weston to Wyatt, west of U.S. 167 from Wyatt to Winn Parish line.

Ouachita: East of La. 143 from Union Parish line to Bayou Darbonne, north of Bayou Darbonne to the Ouachita River, west of the Ouachita River from the mouth of Bayou Darbonne northward to the Union Parish line.

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Area C

March 25-April 2

All of the following parish is open:

Winn

Portions of the following parishes are open:

Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River.

Allen: South of La. 26 from DeRidder to Oberlin, west of U.S. 165 south of Oberlin.

Avoyelles: South of La. 1 to West Protection Levee, south to Avoyelles Parish line.

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Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to U.S. Hwy. 84, south of U.S. Hwy. 84 eastward to La. Hwy. 15 (Ferriday), east of La. Hwy. 15 northward to U.S. Hwy. 65 (Clayton), east of U.S. Hwy. 65 northward to Tensas Parish line.

Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River.

Jefferson Davis: West of U.S. 165 and north of I-10.

Madison: South of Hwy. 80 and east of U.S. Hwy. 65 to Tensas Parish line and all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

St. Landry: That portion bounded on the south by La. 10, on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, on the east by La. 105, and on the north by the Avoyelles Parish line.

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Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Areas is two per area, not to exceed two per season for all WMAs. Only one turkey allowed to be taken during special lottery hunts. The bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler per day and three gobblers per season including those taken on WMAs.

PERMITS

Self-Clearing Permits: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing and all hunters must check in daily by picking up a permit from a self-clearing station. Upon completion of each daily hunt, the hunter must check out by completing the hunter report portion of the permit and depositing it in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

Lottery Hunts: Bayou Macon, Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island and Tunica Hills WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is February 15, 2000. Application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any district office: [District 1 – P.O. Box 915, Minden, 71055; 318/371-3050]; [District 2 – 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203; 318/343-4044]; [District 3 – 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360; 318/487-5885]; [District 4 – P.O. Box 426, Ferriday, 71334; 318/757-4571]; [District 5 – 1213 N. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, 70601; 318/491-2575]; [District 6 – 5652 Highway 182, Opelousas, 70570; 318/948-0255]; [District 7 – P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898; 225/765-2360].

Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates**
Bayou Macon	April 1-April 2	Self-clearing	April 1-2
Bens Creek†	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Big Lake	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Bodcau	April 1-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Boeuf	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 25-26 April 1-2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2
Fort Polk	March 25-April 23	Self-clearing	None
Georgia-Pacific	April 1-April 9	Self-clearing	April 1-2
Grassy Lake	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None

Jackson-Bienville	April 1-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Little River	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	April 8-9 April 15-16
Pearl River	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 25-April 23	Self-clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Red River	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Sabine	March 25-March 26 April 1-April 2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2
Sandy Hollow†	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Sherburne	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 March 27-29
Sicily Island	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9
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Tunica Hills	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16

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** The deadline for receiving applications for all Turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is February 15, 2000.

† No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified

by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) Turkey Hunting Schedule:
Caney Ranger District, April 1-16; KNF lands in Winn Parish, March
25-April 2; All remaining KNF lands, March 25-April 16.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 25: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is
authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the
Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and
the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the
Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of
Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and
correspondences to other agencies of government.

Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments
relative to the proposed rule until September 23, 1999 to Mr. Tommy
Prickett, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 8, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 8, 1999.

- WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a hunting season in 2000 for turkeys, and
- WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and
- WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July meeting does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of wild turkeys.

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Lottery Hunts: Bayou Macon, Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island and Tunica Hills WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is February 15, 2000. Application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any district office: [District 1 - P.O. Box 915, Minden, 71055; 318/371-3050]; [District 2 - 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203; 318/343-4044]; [District 3 - 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360; 318/487-5885]; [District 4 - P.O. Box 426, Ferriday, 71334; 318/757-4571]; [District 5 - 1213 N. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, 70601; 318/491-2575]; [District 6 - 5652 Highway 182, Opelousas, 70570; 318/948-0255]; [District 7 - P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898; 225/765-2360].

Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates**
Bayou Macon	April 1-April 2	Self-clearing	April 1-2
Bens Creek†	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Big Lake	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Bodcau	April 1-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Boeuf	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 25-26 April 1-2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2
Fort Polk	March 25-April 23	Self-clearing	None
Georgia-Pacific	April 1-April 9	Self-clearing	April 1-2
Grassy Lake	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None

Jackson-Bienville	April 1-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Little River	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	April 8-9 April 15-16
Pearl River	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 25-April 23	Self-clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Red River	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Sabine	March 25-March 26 April 1-April 2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2
Sandy Hollow†	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Sherburne	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 March 27-29
Sicily Island	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9
Three Rivers	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Tunica Hills	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16

*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are CLOSED. For seasons on other lands managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, contact the local district office.

** The deadline for receiving applications for all Turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is February 15, 2000.

† No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified

by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) Turkey Hunting Schedule:
Caney Ranger District, April 1-16; KNF lands in Winn Parish, March
25-April 2; All remaining KNF lands, March 25-April 16.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 25: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is
authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the
Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and
the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the
Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of
Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and
correspondences to other agencies of government.

Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments
relative to the proposed rule until September 23, 1999 to Mr. Tommy
Prickett, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

DOVE
Federal Framework

- Season Dates- Between **September 1** and **January 15**
- Splits- Season may have 3 segments
- Days & Bag- 70 days with 12 birds and/or 60 days with 15 birds
- Zones- The state may be divided into two zones. Each zone may have different season dates and different lengths and bag limits. However, if the state is zoned the south zone may not open prior to September 20.
- Zone Line- Louisiana currently has an established zone line of I-10 and I-12 across the state. This line may be moved at the Commissions discretion.

**DOVE
SEASON OPTIONS**

Recommended: 70 days/ 12 bird limit

Sept. 4- 12	9 days
Oct. 16- Nov. 15	31 days
Dec. 11- Jan. 9	30 days

Option: 60 days/ 15 bird limit

Sept. 4- Sept. 12	9 days
Oct. 16- Nov. 5	21 days
Dec. 11- Jan. 9	30 days

Zone Line: North Zone 60 days/ 15 bird limit

Sept. 4- Sept. 12	9 days
Oct. 16- Nov. 6	22 days
Dec. 18- Jan. 15	29 days

South Zone 70 days/12 bird limit

Oct. 16- Nov. 7	23 days
Nov.20- Dec. 7	18 days
Dec. 18- Jan. 15	29 days

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
JULY 8, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA July 8, 1999.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D. C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and

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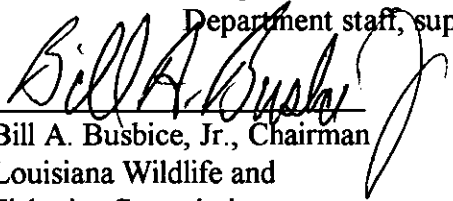
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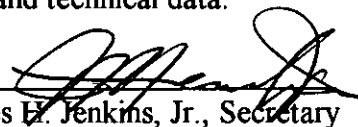
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(1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and

(2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.


Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and
Fisheries Commission


James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Louisiana Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATIONS
1999-2000 Hunting Seasons
FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS

DOVE: Split Season, Statewide, 70 days

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Daily bag limit 12, Possession Limit, 24

OR

Split Season, Statewide, 60 days

September 4 (Sat.)-September 12 (Sun.)	9 days
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December 11 (Sat.)-January 9 (Sun.)	30 days

Daily bag limit 15, Possession Limit, 30

TEAL: September 11 (Sat.)-September 26 (Sun.) 16 days

Daily bag limit 4, Possession limit 8, Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon teal only.
Federal and State waterfowl stamps required.

RAILS: Split Season

September 11 (Sat.)-September 26 (Sun.)	16 days
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Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16	107 days
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Daily bag limit 3, Possession 6

SHOOTING HOURS:

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RESOLUTION

1999 Wild Alligator Harvest Season adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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WHEREAS, Louisiana has historically led the world in the production of crocodilians with value to alligator hunters of approximately \$136 million between 1972 and 1998, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana ranching program (wild egg collection) largely supports a statewide alligator farming program, producing 170,000 hides per year, and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive Louisiana alligator management program contributes significantly to conserving alligators and their wetland ecosystems, producing for the landowner about 45% of surface use value, and

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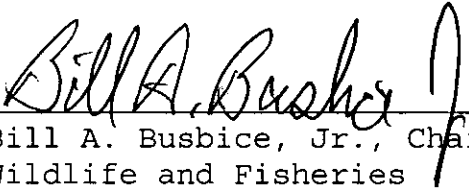
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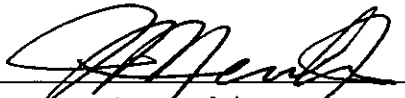
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Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to establish the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Spanish Lake, located between the cities of New Iberia and Lafayette in Iberia and upper St. Martin Parishes, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§191. Black Bass Regulations, Spanish Lake

The harvest regulations for black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Spanish Lake, located between the cities of New Iberia and Lafayette, in Iberia and upper St. Martin Parishes, Louisiana is as follows:

1. Size limit: 16 inch - 21 inch slot. A 16-21 inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 16 inches and 21 inches, both measurements inclusive.

2. Daily take: 8 fish of which no more than two fish may exceed 21 inches maximum total length.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 (25) (a), R.S. 56:325 (C) and R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Mr. Mike Walker, Biologist Supervisor, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2415 Darnall Road, New Iberia, LA 70560 no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 8, 1999.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

RECIPROCAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND
THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

This Agreement made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 1999, by and between the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission ("Louisiana") and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department ("Texas"), each acting by and through duly authorized officials,

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the neighboring states of Louisiana and Texas each hold interests in fishery resources that are enjoyed by the citizens of these states, including the waters that form the common boundary between the two states, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of those states that licensing regulations for the shared boundary waters be consistent, and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto also desire to grant similar sport fishing license exemptions whereby residents of Texas under 16 years of age may fish in all Louisiana waters without a fishing license, and likewise, residents of Louisiana under 17 years of age may fish in all Texas waters without a fishing license, and

WHEREAS, non-residents from many parts of the country travel to the Louisiana-Texas border to enjoy the abundant fishery resources of the common boundary waters of that area, and

WHEREAS, those non-resident tourists contribute to the local economies of the area, and

WHEREAS, clear regulations regarding common boundary waters that are available to non-resident fishing license holders should provide for more compliance with the applicable laws, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 56:671 and 673 provide that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may enter into reciprocal fishing license agreements, and may also enter into reciprocal agreements with the state of Texas pertaining to seasons, creel limits, and all other rules and regulations pertaining to fishing in waters forming the common boundary between Louisiana and Texas,

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual benefits hereof, Texas and Louisiana contract as follows:

A. STATE-REGULATED WATERS

1. Texas residents under 16 years of age may fish in all Louisiana waters without a license, provided their age can be established satisfactorily when checked by an enforcement agent.

2. Louisiana residents under 17 years of age may fish in Texas waters without a license, provided their age can be established satisfactorily when checked by an enforcement agent.

B. COMMON BOUNDARY WATERS

1. For the purposes of this reciprocal agreement, common boundary waters are Caddo Lake proper, the Toledo Bend Lake project including the spillway outfall and the hydro power outfall channels below Toledo Bend Dam, Sabine Lake proper, and the main channel of the Sabine River where it forms the boundary between the states of Texas and Louisiana, but not including the waters of the Sabine River ship channel south of the line between Texas Point and Louisiana Point. Tributaries of the named common boundary waters are specifically not included as boundary waters. For purposes of this rule, tributary water bodies enter boundary waters at a line that runs from point to point across the mouth of the tributary water body. The Gulf of Mexico is not included in the common boundary waters.

2. Residents of Texas or Louisiana who meet the licensing requirements of their state may legally fish recreationally on all waters that form a common boundary between Texas and Louisiana inland from a line across Sabine Pass between Texas Point and Louisiana Point.

3. Persons who have in their possession a Texas or Louisiana valid non-resident recreational fishing license may legally fish recreationally on all waters that form a common boundary between Texas and Louisiana inland from a line across Sabine Pass between Texas Point and Louisiana Point.

4. Texas residents under 17 years of age and those 65 years of age or older may legally fish recreationally in common boundary waters without a recreational fishing license.

5. Louisiana residents under 16 years of age and those 60 years of age or older may legally fish recreationally in common boundary waters without a recreational fishing license.

C. GENERAL

1. Proof of age may be in the form of a birth certificate, driver's license, or a military record which states age (or a photostatic copy of same).

2. This agreement applies only to sport fishing licenses, and does not apply to any sport fishing activities that require specific recreational gear licenses in either state (e.g. crab traps, crawfish traps, etc.).

3. Other than the license privileges provided herein, the fishing regulations of the state in which the fishing occurs shall control.

4. This agreement supercedes the previous reciprocal agreements on recreational fishing licenses dated February 13, 1968, September 27, 1984 including undated amendment, and September 3, 1998.

5. This agreement shall remain in effect until ninety (90) days after it has been rescinded in writing by either the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission or Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, or their successors.

6. The effective date of this reciprocal agreement will be _____.

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

BY: _____

Andrew Sansom,
Executive Director

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
COMMISSION

BY: _____

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.,
Chairman

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT
JUNE, 1999

185-Amph. - 61092	185-Float - 9667Q	210 - 9467Y
Hrs. 42.1	Hrs. - 60.9	Hrs. - 7.9

Enforcement Hours - 95.4

Other Divisions - 15.5

Total Plane Use - 110.9

Cases Made in Conjunction with Aircraft Use Resulted in Citations issued for:

2 - Trawl Inside Waters Closed Season

1 - Violate Shrimp Provision (Anchoring In Oyster Bayou)

3 - Total Cases

Confiscations:

900 Pounds of Shrimp, 6 Trawls

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

JUNE 99

REGION 1:

PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
DESOTO, RED RIVER,
WEBSTER

TOTAL CASES	152	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	00
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
75	Boating
31	Angling W/O A License
9	Angling W/O A License-Non-Resident
31	Fishing W/O A Resident Pole License
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
2	Caddo Lake – Yo-Yo Regulations
1	Operate Vehicle While Intoxicated
2	Obtain License By Fraud

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL	125	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
103		Boating Safety
20		Angling W/O A Resident License
2		Take Illegal Size Black Bass

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
None	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
75	Boating
00	Commercial Fishing
00	Federal Migratory
00	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
74	Recreational Fishing
00	State Hunting/Trapping
00	WMA Rules and Regulations
125	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
0	

REGION 2:

**PARISHES: E. CARROL, JACKSON,
LINCOLN, MOREHEAD,
QUACHITA, RICHLAND
UNION, W. CARROL**

TOTAL CASES	62	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	3
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
39	Boating
3	Take Game Fish Illegal Method
2	Angle Without A Resident License
2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	No Commercial Fishing License
1	No Commercial Gear License
2	Passing In No-Passing Zone
1	Following Too Close
1	Flight From Officer
2	Operate ATV On Public Road
5	Littering
2	Not Abiding by Rules & Regulations on WMA
1	Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 41	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Failure To Display Valid Decals
6	Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements
2	Improper Running Lights
1	Allow Person Under 13 To Operate PWC
7	No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession
9	Angle Without A License
4	No Observer While Skiing
3	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
2	Failure To Have PFD On Person Under 13
2	Operate Unregistered Motorboat
1	Improper Riding On Deck Or Gunwales
1	Overloading Motorboat
1	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations on WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1-10' Aluminum Boat, 1 Commercial Fish Seine, 5 White Bass, 1 Black Bass, 3 Crappie, 32 Buffalo Fish, 11 GarFish, 2 Catfish.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
39	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
5	Littering
7	Miscellaneous
7	Recreational Fishing
-0-	State Hunting/Trapping
2	WMA Rules and Regulations

41	Warning Citations
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
15	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
3	Russell Sage WMA
-0-	Ouachita WMA
-0-	Union WMA
-0-	Georgia Pacific WMA

REGION 3:

**PARISHES: AVOYELLES, GRANT,
NATCHITOCHES, RAPIDES
SABINE, VERNON, WINN**

TOTAL CASES	155	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	9
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
90	Boating
27	Angling W/O A License
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
2	Fish W/O Pole License
1	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
1	Sell Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
17	Littering
5	Frog Closed Season
1	Possession Firearm While Frogging
1	Discharge Firearm From Public Road
1	Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer
1	Possess Spotted Fawn
1	Take Deer Closed Season
1	Operate A.T.V. On Public Road
4	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 76	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
43	Boating
26	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License In Possession
3	Possess Undersize Game Fish
2	No Recreational Gear License In Possession
1	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations (Alex. St. Forest WMA)

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
12 beer cans, 5 cola cans, 4 plastic bottles, 1 wine bottle, 1 beer bottle, 1 styrofoam worm box, 1 fountain drink cup, 1 styrofoam container, 1 cigarette carton, 1 black bass, 7 frogs, 1 spotted fawn, 1 doe deer, 1 rugar 9mm semi-auto pistol.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
90	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
17	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
38	Recreational Fishing
4	State Hunting/Trapping
4	WMA Rules and Regulations

76	Warning Citations
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
3	Alexander State Forest WMA
2	Grassy Lake WMA
4	Pomme De Terre WMA

REGION 4:

**PARISHES: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA,
CONCORDIA, FRANKLIN
LASALLE, MADISON,
TENSAS**

TOTAL CASES	115	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	15
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
56	Boating
20	Angling W/O A License
14	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
6	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Taking Fish Illegally
1	Use Illegal Mesh Nets (2" Freshwater Gill Net)
7	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA
2	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
1	Public Intimidation
2	Littering
1	Other Than Wildlife & Fisheries
1	Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL	13	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4		Angling W/O A License
1		Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
8		Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
100 yds. of 2" gill net	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
56	Boating
5	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
5	Miscellaneous
40	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
7	WMA Rules and Regulations

13	Warning Citations
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
0	Big Lake WMA
9	Boeuf River WMA
0	Buckhorn WMA
6	Dewey Wills WMA
0	Red River WMA
0	Sicily Island Hills WMA
0	Three Rivers WMA

REGION 5:

**PARISHES: ACADIA, ALLEN,
BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU
CAMERON, EVANGELINE
JEFF DAVIS, VERMILLION**

TOTAL CASES	182	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	28
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
73	Boating
20	Angling W/O A License
13	Use Gear W/O A License Non-Resident
2	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
1	Not Abiding Be Rules And Regulations Of Commission Closed Seasons Or Zone
3	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
1	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Common Gear License
3	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
2	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Transport W/O Required License
2	Taking Fish Illegally
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Fail To Mark Soft Shell Crab Container Or Improper Molting Stage
4	Possess Or Sell Undersize Crabs
1	Commercial Truck W/O Display Of Owner Name And Address
1	Hunt Rabbits Closed Season
11	Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season
28	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On Wildlife Management Area
5	Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
4	Littering
1	Possess/Take Undersize Federal Controlled Fish

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 85	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5	Angling W/O A License
1	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
1	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum
74	Boating
2	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On Wildlife Management Area
1	Use Wildlife Management Area W/O License Or Stamp

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
1 – plastic orange cigarette case containing 2 marijuana cigarettes, 1 pair forceps, 1 – crate undersized crabs (RTW), 1 – can beer, 5 – boxes undersize crabs (RTW), 2 – St. Anton invoice pads, 1 – composition notebook, 2 – crab cages, 2 – skimmer nets, 286 pounds of shrimp sold for \$440.25, 1 – box bullets, 1 – 22 marlin riffle, 4 – undersized red snapper, 1 – cooler, 4 – black drum, 1 – 4' alligator, 2 - shark	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
73	Boating
23	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
4	Littering
6	Miscellaneous
36	Recreational Fishing
12	State Hunting/Trapping
28	WMA Rules and Regulations
85	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
9	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
0	West Bay
3	Marsh Island
2	Sabine Island
23	Rockefeller Refuge
0	State Wildlife
0	Marsh Bayou

REGION 6:

PARISHES: IBERIA, IBERVILLE,
LAFAYETTE, PT.COUPÉE
ST.LANDRY, W.B.ROUGE

TOTAL CASES	238	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	4
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
150	Boating
35	Angling W/O A License
2	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
9	Operate Vehicle While Intoxicated
5	Fail To Maintain Records
3	Littering
2	Frog Closed Season
2	Allow Another To Use Recreational License
1	Criminal Mischief
1	Resisting An Officer
2	Driving On Levees
2	Sell/Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail License
3	Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum
7	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Gear License
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
2	Take/Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
2	Possession Of Live Alligator W/O Permit
1	Fail To Mark Containerized Oysters
1	Adulterated/Misbranded Foods
1	Fail To Report Commercial Fishery Data
2	Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 42	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
39	Boating
1	Collect Amphibians Recreationally W/O Basic Fishing License
2	Angling W/O License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 invoice, 2 beer cans, 4 frogs, 1 basic fishing license, 5 black drum, 10 black bass, 2 pints oysters, 2 alligators, 2 boxes of crabs

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
150	Boating
14	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
14	Miscellaneous
57	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations

42	Warning Citations
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
1	Attakapas Wildlife Management Area
3	Sherburne Wildlife Management Area

REGION 7:

**PARISHES: ASCENSION, E.B. ROUGE,
E. FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON,
ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY,
TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON,
W. FELICIANA**

TOTAL CASES	192	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	4
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
126	Boating (5 DWI'S)
25	Angling W/O A Basic License
7	Angling W/O A Pole License
5	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
2	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
1	Take Alligator Closed Season
1	Take Alligator W/O License
3	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
1	R&R (Take Black Tip Shark C/S)
1	Poss. Undersize Red Drum
1	Allow Another To Use License
2	Take Undersize Speckled Trout
1	No Commercial License in Possession
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Transport W/O Non-Resident License

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Sell Fish W/O Wholesale Retailer Dealers License
2	Trawl In Closed Season
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
7	Littering
1	Hit & Run
1	Simple Criminal Damage to Property

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 56	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
45	Boating (5 DWI'S)
7	Angling W/O A License
3	Angling W/O a Non-Resident License
1	Angling W/O a Saltwater License

56	Warning Citations
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
4	Pearl River WMA

REGION 8:

**PARISHES: JEFFERSON, ORLEANS,
PLAQUEMINE, ST. BERNARD,
ST. CHARLES**

TOTAL CASES	294	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	13
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
71	Boating
51	Angling W/O A License
15	Angling W/O A License
1	Use Gear W/O A Recreational Gear License
1	Use Gear W/O A Non-Resident Gear License
8	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
3	Angling W/O A Non-Resident Saltwater License
5	Take/Possess Over The Limit Of Red Drum
1	Fail To Have Saltwater Fish Intact
1	Take/Possess Undersized Red Drum
5	Take/Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
5	Fail To Comply With Charter Boat Regulations
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
11	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O A Commercial License
2	Commercial Fisherman Sell To Other Than A Licensed Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer
11	Take Commercial Fish W/O A Commercial Gear License

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5	Take/Possess Commercial Fish W/O A Vessel License
1	Sell Or Buy Fish W/O A Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
10	Sell Or Buy Fish W/O A Retail Seafood Dealer's License
4	Fail To Maintain Records
2	Violate Commission Rules And Regulations Restricted Species(Shark)
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman
2	Blocking Passage Of Fish
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Destroy Legal Traps Or Remove Contents
1	Sell Fish W/O A License
3	Tend Crab Traps Illegal Hours
2	Fail To Comply With Spotted Sea Trout Quota Closure
1	Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel
1	Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear
1	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
3	Take Shrimp Illegal Gear
13	Use Illegal Mesh Trawl, Butterfly Net Or Skimmers
2	Use Oversize Butterfly Net or Skimmer
3	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Failure To Fill Out Oyster tags Correctly
2	Violate Lake Ponchatrain Sanctuary
7	Frog In Closed Season
2	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
4	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
5	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
1	Public Intimidation
5	Littering
1	Resist Arrest
1	Battery
4	Possess Drug Paraphernalia
8	Violate NO Wake Zone
1	Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9(Fail To Refrigerate Properly)
1	Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter9 (Vessel Regulations)

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 60	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
14	Angling W/O A Resident License

3	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Use Gear W/O A Recreational Gear License
1	Angling W/O A Non-Resident Saltwater License
2	Take/Possess Undersized Red Drum
3	Take/Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
36	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
Seafood sold at bid: 786 pounds of shrimp sold for --\$1139.35, 538 lbs. of crabs sold for \$332.80. Seafood destroyed: 1 red drum, 1 spotted sea trout. Seafood returned to water: 45 lbs. of crabs, 34 sacks of crabs. Seafood donated: 15 red drum, 49 Spotted Sea Trout, 74 White Trout, 30 croakers. Hardware confiscated: 3 trawls, 2 skimmer nets, 2 butterfly nets, 2 boats, 2 outboard motors, 1 shrimp basket, 3 ice chests, 4 oyster log sheets, 2 non-resident charter trip license, 2 marijuana cigarettes, 3 small bags.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
71	Boating
90	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
5	Littering
27	Miscellaneous
99	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
2	WMA Rules and Regulations

60	Warning Citations
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
16	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
5	Salvador
1	Biloxi
7	Pas A Loutre

REGION 9

**PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, ST.JAMES,
ST.JOHN, ST. MARY
TERREBONNE, LAFOURCHE
JEFFERSON-GRAND ISLE
LOWER ST. MARTIN**

TOTAL CASES	253	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	23
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
136	Boating
20	Angling W/O A License
2	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
1	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
2	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
4	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
2	Take O/L Of Red Drum (On Water)
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
10	Take Undersized Red Drum (Recreational) 16" Minimum
2	Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Rec.)
8	Take Undersized Black Drum (Rec.)
3	Take O/L Spotted Sea Trout (On Water)
2	Take O/L Black Drum (Rec.)
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
8	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
6	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Crab Traps Skimmers, and Butterfly Nets)
7	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail License
3	Leave Nets Unattended
2	Blocking Passage Of Fish
6	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Remove Contents Of Crab Traps
3	Allow Another To Use Commercial License
2	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Vessel License
3	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Gear License
1	Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel
1	Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear
3	Theft Of Crab Trap
3	Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs
1	Violate Shrimp Provisions
1	Failure To Have Written Permission
1	Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
1	Littering
1	Violation Of Sanitary Code – Chapter 9

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Violation Of Sanitary Code – Chapter 9 (Vessel Regs.)

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 23	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License
21	Boating

0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations
23	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
14	Pointe Aux Chenes
1	Atchafalaya Delta
2	Attakapas
6	Manchac

S.W.E.P.

COASTAL

TOTAL CASES	35	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	0
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
6	Boating
9	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
4	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Take Undersize Red Drum
1	Take Undersize Black Drum
1	Take Undersize Spotted Sea Trout
2	Take Shrimp Illegal Gear
2	Use Bottom Net Closed Waters
1	Fail To Have Commercial Rules And Regulations
1	Fail To Comply With Charter Boat Regulations
2	Violation Of Sanitary Code Chapter 9
2	Fail To Refrigerate Properly
2	Fail To Maintain Traceable Oyster Records

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
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CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
99 sacks of oysters returned to water, 4 spotted sea trout, 5 black drum.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
6	Boating
12	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
17	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations
0	Warning Citations

HOURS-RUNNING TIME: 82
BOATS CHECKED: 259

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
0	

SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	37	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	0
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	Boating
2	Fishing W/O Non-Resident License
2	Fishing Without Non-Resident Saltwater License
1	Take Sharks Closed Season, Commission Regs.
1	Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum
2	Fail To Comply With Charter Boat Regs.
1	Sell And/Or Buy Fish Without A Retail Dealer's License
3	Sell And/Or Buy Fish Without A Wholesale/Retail Dealers License
5	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Transport Without Required License
1	Possess Exotic Fish
1	Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish
1	Fail To Comply With Gamefish Shipping Regs.
1	Buy Permitted Species From Un-Permitted Fishermen
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Licensed Fishermen
1	Fail To Comply With Aquaculture Fish Regs.

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Fail To Comply With Quota Closure
1	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
1	Commercial Truck Without Display Of Owner Name/Address
6	Shrimping In Restricted Area
1	Failure To Tag Sacked Or Containerized Oysters
1	Littering
1	Obstruction Of Justice
1	Misbranded/Adulterated Seafood

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
125 lbs. of spotted sea trout, 11 tilapia, 10 red drum, 7 striped bass, 6 black bass, 1 southern flounder, 1 black drum, 2 bull sharks, 2 red drum, 2 pints of oysters, 1-1989 Chevrolet Pickup Truck, 27,400 lbs. of red drum sold for \$47,776, 598 lbs. of blue crabs sold for \$260, 76.2 lbs. of spotted sea trout sold for \$145, 300 lbs. shrimp sold for \$300.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
28	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
8	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations

0	Warning Citations
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
0	

SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE**STATEWIDE**

TOTAL CASES	35	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	12
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
6	Boating
3	Angling W/O A License
1	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Take Or Possess Overlimit Of Spotted Sea Trout
4	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O A Commercial License
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
4	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Leave Nets Unattended
3	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Allow Another To Use Commercial License
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Vessel License
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman to Use Gear License
2	Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs
1	Use Illegal Butterfly Nets Extension
1	Littering
1	Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Lacy Act

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
55 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$49.50, 205 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$195, 1 ½ boxes of crabs returned to water, 18 crab traps, 4 shrimp trawls, 2 skimmer nets, 1-48 quart ice chest.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
6	Boating
20	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
5	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations

0	Warning Citations
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
11	Pointe-Aux-Chenes
1	Russell Sage

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**STATEWIDE**

TOTAL CASES	29	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	0
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Boating
1	Angling W/O A License
1	Fishing W/O Saltwater License
2	Take Undersize Black Drum
1	Take Oysters W/O Commercial Fisherman License In Possession
1	Allow An Unlicensed Fisherman To Operate A Commercial Vessel
1	Allow An Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Commercial Gear
1	Take Oysters W/O Commercial Vessel License
2	Take Oysters W/O Commercial Gear License
4	Failure To Complete Harvester Log Book
2	Failure To Comply With Vessel Tarp Regs.
1	Taking Oysters While Dog On Board Vessel
2	Failure to Have Written Permission To Take Oysters From A Private Lease
1	Take Oysters W/O Harvester License
3	Improperly Tagged Oysters
1	Take Oysters W/O Commercial License

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Public Intimidation

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
171 sacks of oystes, 5 black drum.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER SRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Boating
20	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
4	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations

0	Warning Citations
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
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TOTAL CASES WMA AND REFUGES - 99

TOTAL CASES - 1643

NOTE: WRITTEN WARNINGS =521

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- Act # 5** **HB 241 Alexander (8-15-99)**
 Fishing Bow and Arrow (Taking of certain Gamefish)
Amends provisions of title 56 relative to fishing with a bow and arrow. This act prohibits the taking of freshwater Gamefish with a bow and arrow.
- Act # 8** **HB 565 John Smith (5-13-99)**
 Repeals provisions of title 30 relative to natural gas
Repeals provision of title 30 relative to provisions of first sale of new natural gas
- Act # 9** **HB 1018 Hill (8-15-99)**
 Provides relative to forest products
Provides that persons transporting or receiving forest products shall maintain appropriate records and for penalties.
- Act # 11** **HB 1264 John Smith (8-15-99)**
 Provides relative to the Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund
Amends provisions relative to the time period for commercial fishermen to file for applications relative to fishermen's gear compensation.
- Act # 12** **HB 1559 John Smith (8-15-99)**
 Personal Watercraft Safety Act / Penalties
Amends provisions of title 34 relative to personal watercrafts, provides that person shall only operate personal watercrafts (Jet Ski) during the hours from sunrise to sunset. Also provides that violations of the personal watercraft safety act constitute a class one violation.
- Act # 13** **HB 1564 John Smith (8-15-99)**
 Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Agents Police Powers
Amends provisions of title 56 relative to police powers possessed by wildlife enforcement agents. Provides that only wildlife enforcement agents of the enforcement division are authorized to carry firearms and have police powers. Provides technical amendments to duties and functions of wildlife enforcement agents.
- Act # 22** **SB 329 Heitmeier (7-1-99)**
 Wildlife Enforcement Agents Retirement
Amends provisions of title 11 relative to wildlife enforcement agents' retirement. Provides that retirement cap be raised from 72 ½ % to up to 100%. Provides that eligibility for DROP be moved from 20 years to 25 years. Provides that all leave, sick and annual, be calculated at 2-½ % per year upon retirement. Provides DROP participants be eligible to earn 2 ½ % per year after coming off of DROP. Provides technical amendments.
- Act # 38** **SB 548 Romero (5-28-99)**
 Repeals shell dredging from regulation by Wildlife and Fisheries
Amends provisions of title 56 eliminating authority from Wildlife and Fisheries from regulation of shell dredging. Provides technical amendment to the functions of the Office of Fisheries.
- Act # 54** **HB 1844 Diez (5-28-99)**
 Provides relative to DOTD and Scenic Rivers
Deletes requirement of Department of Transportation and Development form participating in designing and developing a brochure for Louisiana natural and scenic rivers.
- Act # 69** **SB 223 Campbell (8-15-99)**
 Youth hunting season
Provides that the commission shall establish a special two-week youth hunting season just prior to the opening weekend of regular season.

- Act # 71 SB 349 Ullo (8-15-99)**
Nutria hunting with dogs
Allow the use of dogs for the hunting of nutria during the hours from sunrise to sunset.
- Act # 73 SB 558 Theunissen (8-15-99)**
Alligator possession limits non-resident
Repeals the recreational limit of 3 alligators per person for non-residents per season.
- Act # 81 SB 937 Barham (8-15-99)**
Box turtles
Provides regulations for possession of box turtles recreationally and prohibits the commercial taking of wild box turtles.
- Act # 120 HB 531 Odinet (8-15-99)**
Penalty for Unlawful removal of oysters
Increases the penalty to a class six violation for unlawful removal of oysters or signs from oyster leases.
- Act # 154 HB 959 Jack Smith (8-15-99)**
Migratory Bird Treaty Act violations / Class four violations
Provides that a violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act be a violation of state law and provides that penalty revenue from such violations be shared 50 / 50 between LDWF enforcement and the DA's. Also provides and increase in the maximum fine of a class 4 increased to seven hundred dollars.
- Act # 155 HB 961 Jack Smith (8-15-99)**
Provides a daily take, size and possession limits for freshwater fish
Provides minimum size requirements for Buffalo, freshwater drum and catfish and possession of such fish undersize. Provides a 50 pound daily take for shad. Provides a 100 fish daily take and possession for catfish.
- Act # 160 HB 1083 Hammett (8-15-99)**
Provides permit to hunt beaver at night
Provides beaver may be hunted at night with a permit obtained from the Department and regulations for such permit.
- Act # 162 HB 1108 Thiche (8-15-99)**
Prestige license plate for the CCA of Louisiana
Provides for a Coastal Conservation Association of Louisiana prestige license plates and dedicates 50% of the revenue to the enforcement division and 50% of the money to marine fisheries division.
- Act # 165 HB 1207 Hammett (8-15-99)**
Nuisance hunting of raccoons, opossums and squirrels
Provides for a nuisance hunting permits for the hunting of squirrels destroying pecan crops and provides for certain requirements.
- Act # 177 HB 1525 Faucheux (8-15-99)**
Commercial licenses fees for non-United States citizens and corporations.
Provides for an "alien" license class. Provides that a bon a fide resident and a non resident be a United States citizen for the obtaining of commercial license. Provides that alien individual pay two times the cost for a license as a non-resident.
- Act # 178 HB 1528 Jack Smith (8-15-99)**
Prohibits certain acts involved in interstate commerce (Lacey Act)
Provides that persons shall not knowingly violate a state law or regulation for the taking, possession, importation, exportation or transportation of fish or wildlife involved in interstate commerce.

- Act # 179 HB 1529 Hebert (8-15-99)**
Daily take and possession limit for Blue Crabs
Provides a recreational take and possession limit of 12 dozen blue crabs per fisherman.
- Act # 180 HB 1530 Hebert (8-15-99)**
Technical amendment penalty for undersize crabs
Makes technical amendment to correct penalty provisions for possession of over twice the amount of undersize crabs.
- Act # 181 HB 1558 John Smith (8-15-99)**
Provide daily take limit of shrimp on a vehicle
Provides that the recreational fisherman taking shrimp with a cast net be limited to 50 pounds per boat and vehicle.
- Act # 182 HB 1563 Dupre (8-15-99)**
Amends the Zone 2 inside outside shrimp line
Amends the Zone 2 inside outside shrimp line to more accurately reflect the current coastal line.
- Act # 183 HB 1565 Frith (8-15-99)**
Selling and Purchase of undersize fish
Prohibits the sell purchase barter trade or exchange of undersize fish.
- Act # 184 HB 1566 Triche (8-15-99)**
Class Six violations
Reduces the penalty of a class six violation to enable a bench trial and deletes the right of a jury trial for persons charged with class six violations.
- Act # 185 HB 1567 Gautreaux (8-15-99)**
Penalties for Bait Shrimp regulations violations
Provides for a class four violation for bait shrimp regulations and bond forfeiture upon conviction and suspends qualification for one year after conviction.
- Act # 186 HB 1569 John Smith (8-15-99)**
Wildlife Refuge / Game Preserve Fund / Wildlife Refuge Protection Trust
Repeals the funds statutorily, redirects such funds to the Conservation Fund.
- Act # 198 SB 227 Landry (8-15-99)**
Channel catfish commercial size requirements
Changes the commercial size of commercial channel catfish (eel catfish) to eleven inches total length and eight inches collarbone off.
- Act # 220 SB 974 Dean (8-15-99)**
Southern flounder as by-catch
Allows commercial shrimping vessel to retain and sell all southern flounder caught as by-catch during a shrimping trip.
- Act # 255 HB 513 Gautreaux (8-15-99)**
Muzzleloaders with magnifying scopes for persons over sixty
Provides that persons over sixty years of age may use a magnifying scope during the primitive weapons season.
- Act # 292 HB 1100 Schneider (6-11-99)**
Notice of public meetings held by the department
Provides that members of the legislature be given notice within 30 days prior to any public meeting in their respective legislative districts.

- Act # 341 HB 1438 Fruge (8-15-99)**
Seafood marketing associations / Alligator skins and membership of such
Provides the statutory language to create a marketing association for alligators and alligator skins and or certain furs.
- Act # 375 HB 2008 Durand (8-15-99)**
Relative to public lands leases beyond 40 years
Amends contract terms relative to public land leases beyond 40 years and provides for certain conditions.
- Act # 391 SB 1107 Cox (8-15-99)**
Magnifying scopes for muzzle loaders for persons over sixty years old
Allows the persons over 60 years of age to use magnifying scope during primitive weapon season.
- Act # 420 SB 492 Thomas (8-15-99)**
Use of hoop nets for mobility impaired persons
Allow persons who are mobility impaired to use hoop nets and slat traps of certain size without the need for a recreational gear license.
- Act # 421 SB 535 Robichaux (8-15-99)**
Trawling cork line and lead line.
Provides the 130 feet corkline and 165 feet lead line requirement for trawl in territorial state waters remains in effect.
- Act # 422 SB 537 Robichaux (6-18-99)**
Crab traps – serviceable crab traps and removal
Provides for a definition of a serviceable crab trap provides for removal of unserviceable crab traps and of certain conditions and requirements relating to such removal.
- Act # 423 SB 550 Romero (8-15-99)**
Crawfish traps
Provides that commercial crawfish traps shall be constructed of three-quarters by eleven-sixteenths of one-inch mesh statewide until July 1, 2003 when the mesh size shall go to three-quarters by three-quarters statewide.
- Act # 437 HB 407 Jack Smith (8-15-99)**
Prohibits recreational use of hoop nets
Prohibits recreational fisherman from use of hoop nets. Classifies hoop nets as a commercial gear only.
- Act # 439 HB 427 Odinet (8-15-99)**
Establishes the membership of the Oyster Task Force
Establishes the Oyster Task Force and the membership and rules, regulations, functions and funding.
- Act # 469 HB 1562 Hammett (8-15-99)**
Outlaw quadrupeds hunting at night and feral hogs
Provides that outlaw quadrupeds may only be taken during the hours of one-half hour before official sunrise to one-half hour after official sunset. Adds feral hogs to the definition of outlaw quadrupeds.
- Act # 495 HB 2198 Frith (7-1-99)**
Judgement appropriation LDWF vs. Odilon Marceaux et al
Provides the appropriation of \$4,000,000 to the settlement of suit.

- Act # SB 1009 Hainkel (8-15-99)**
Scenic Rivers Tangipahoa River
Provides certain exceptions of regulations to the Tangipahoa River in the scenic river system.
- Act # HB 960 Jack Smith (8-15-99)**
Venue for offenses committed in the Gulf of Mexico
Provides that district courts may handle offenses committed in the Gulf of Mexico outside the states territorial jurisdiction for which the Magnuson Stevens Act provides jurisdiction in federal waters to the state.
- Act # HB 243 Dewitt (8-15-99)**
Non-residents possessing Louisiana birth certificates resident fees
Provides that non-residents who possess a valid Louisiana birth certificate may purchase a non-resident basic trip, big game, or turkey hunting license at the cost of a resident license.
- Act # HB 1672 Hammett (8-15-99)**
Black River Lake Recreation and Water Conservation District
Creates the Black River Lake Recreation and Water Conservation District provides for board of commissioners, duties, functions, authorizes board to promulgate rules and regulations and provides for enforcement thereof and related activities.
- Act # HB 1495 Durand (8-15-99)**
Bowfin size and closed season
Exempts Lake Dauterive and Lake Fausse Point from the commercial Bowfin closure in December, January and February.
- Act # HB 2069 Michot (8-15-99)**
Oysters and tagging requirements
Provides no sacks of oysters shall be possessed for commercial purposes, which are untagged or improperly tagged. Provides that such improperly or untagged oysters that are within ten percent of the lot shall only be a class one violation. Provides technical changes.
- Act # HB 1109 Warner (8-15-99)**
Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation
Changes the membership of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation adding one member from St. Bernard Parish.
- Act # HB 695 Dewitt (8-15-99)**
Property located within a wildlife management area
Provides the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall ensure land access to property, which is located within the boundaries of a WMA.
- Act # HB 405 Jack Smith (8-15-99)**
Fillets on the water and consumption of fish at sea
Provides recreational saltwater finfish shall remain intact until set or put on shore. Provides commercial saltwater finfish shall remain intact until set or put on shore or until sold. Provides for persons to possess up to two pounds of fillets per person on the water for consumption provided vessel equipped to cook.
- Act # HB 1527 John Smith (8-15-99)**
Lake Catherine and Lake Pontchartrain Sanctuary
Establishes the Lake Catherine and Lake Pontchartrain Sanctuary into statute. Sanctuary was a previous act however was not in statute. Provides the area for the sanctuary and prohibits the use of certain gear to take fish and seafood.

- Act # HB 1425 Jack Smith (8-15-99)**
DWI cost associated with additional test
Provides that the cost of any additional chemical test requested by an alleged offender be at the expense of the alleged offender.
- Act # HB 2255 Kennard (8-15-99)**
Purchase of Firearms
Allows retired Wildlife and Fisheries Law Enforcement agents and retired State Police officers to purchase their firearms upon retirement, with at least 20 years and in good standing. Purchase determined by the Chief of the Enforcement Division and the deputy secretary of public safety.
- Act # HB 511 John Smith (8-15-99)**
Exchange of surplus property
Allows donation or exchange of movable surplus property between political subdivisions whose functions include public safety.
- Act # SB 1038 Robichaux (signature)**
"Saltwater Fishery Enforcement Fund"
Creates the Saltwater Fishery Enforcement Fund for the enforcement division for the enforcement of saltwater regulations along the coast. Provides for the repeal of the Commercial Fisherman's Assistance Fund and transfers monies into the new fund. Provides for the strict enforcement of gear regulations along the coast.
- Act # SB 1049 Boissiere (8-15-99)**
Disposal of seized firearms
Provides requirements for the disposal of seized firearms and certain requirements for disposition of seized firearms.
- Act # HB 1081 Dupre (July 1, 2000)**
Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund
Provides that 2 % of the mineral revenues received in excess of certain allocation be deposited into the fund.
- Act # HB 1262 Gautreaux (8-15-99)**
Atchafalaya Basin Program
Provides for a capital improvement program and operation and maintenance of projects under the capital improvement program for the Atchafalaya Basin. Provides for powers and duties and related matters.
- Act # HB 2161 John Smith (8-15-99)**
Investment of Funds by Wildlife and Fisheries
Provides for investment of Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund and the Russell Sage or Marsh Island Refuge Fund in stocks, bonds, and certain government securities.
- Act # HB 301 Leblanc (8-15-99)**
Ancillary funds for state government
Provides for certain expenditures in state government.
- Act # HB 962 Walsworth (8-15-99)**
Scenic Rivers and regulation of Houseboats
Deletes provisions requiring houseboats to be on scenic rivers for 30 consecutive days before being regulated. Provides for requirements regarding placement of barricades, barriers, fences or other obstacles.
- Act # HB 992 Michot (8-15-99)**
Misrepresenting information during issuance of misdemeanor summons
Provides persons shall not provide false information to law enforcement during issuance of misdemeanor summons.

- Act # SB 1019 Hollis (8-15-99)**
Provides for benefits to survivors of officers kill in line of duty
Provides for certain benefits regarding educational expenses to survivors of officers killed in the line of duty and other circumstances.
- Act # SB 228 Landry (8-15-99)**
Commercial taking of Mullet in freshwater areas
Provides that mullet may be taken commercially in freshwater areas of the state and requirements thereof.
- Act # HB 1053 Kennard (8-15-99)**
Unlawful use of Laser on a Police Officer
Prohibits persons from intentionally pointing a laser or laser light at a police officer.
- Act # SB 290 Campbell (8-15-99)**
Quail, Wild Turkey and Black Bear prestige license plates
Provides for fee reductions in the Quail, Wild Turkey and Black Bear prestige licenses plates.
- Act # SB 536 Robichaux (8-15-99)**
Seafood Marketing and Promotion Board Membership
Provides relative to the membership to the Seafood Marketing and Promotion Board and provides for additional membership.
- Act # SB 661 Robichaux (8-15-99)**
Seafood Marketing and Promotion Board, shrimping fees
Provides for an additional fee of \$10 for resident gear licenses used in the taking of shrimp and \$40 increase for non-residents. Provides additional duties of the board relative to shrimp.
- Act # SB 491 Thomas and Jack Smith (8-15-99)**
Recreational gear licenses recreational fishing
Provides a definition for a landing net provides that persons under sixteen years of age are not required to have a recreational gear license to use certain gear. Provides that persons may use a crawfish net, dip net, landing net minnow traps crab nets or crab lines to take fish recreationally without a basic fishing license. Provides hoop nets shall only be a commercial gear and allows mobility-impaired persons to use one hoop net recreationally. Provides a recreational gear license for pipes / drums and cans / buckets to use not more than 5.
- Act # HB 2070 Kenny (8-15-99)**
Raising of certain Hybrid Bream
Provides that certain hybrid bream be farmed and legally sold in accordance with certain aquaculture requirements.
- Act # SB 124 Bean (8-15-99)**
Disposition of stolen or seized property
Provides the capability of non-contraband property seized by law enforcement to be donated to nonprofit youth facilities.
- Act # SB 30 Hainkel (8-15-99)**
Scenic rivers, exclusion of portion of Tchefuncte River
Provides that a certain portion of the Tchefuncte River be excluded for the Scenic River status.
- Act # HB 1980 Wilkerson (8-15-99)**
Water-skiing and observers
Provides that persons above the age of sixteen may tow a water-skier without the presence of an observer provided the vessel is equipped with a convex rearview mirror, exempts personal watercrafts from towing skiers.

- Act # SB 335 Bajoie (8-15-99)**
Concealed Weapons retired law enforcement
Provides certain retired law enforcement officers may carry concealed weapons and requirements therein.
- Act # HB 1769 Winston (8-15-99)**
Stone Crabs
Provides that stone crabs may be taken in a crab trap and legal size claws thereof removed, whole crabs returned to the water. Provides size requirement of 2 ½ inches Propodus length for claws taken.
- Act # SB 151 Bean (8-15-99)**
Disposition of seized property
Provides seized property not needed for evidence may be disposed of in six months after its seizure.
- Act # SB 559 Jordan (8-15-99)**
Driving Under the Influence
Provides certain requirements and technical changes to regulations regarding DWI's.
- Act # HB 1604 Jetson (8-15-99)**
Leases of land and waterways
Provides relative to leased state lands, maintaining of public access to public waterways and certain exemptions along the Tchefuncte River.
- Act # HB 1625 Diez (8-15-99)**
Refusal of Chemical test for DWI
Provides technical changes to requirements involving submitting to chemical test for DWI offenses.
- Act # HB 647 John Smith (8-15-99)**
Investment of funds by LDWF
Provides for public vote in the gubernatorial general election in 1999 for LDWF to invest portions of the Rockefeller Trust and Marsh Island Trust in stocks.
- Act # HB 305 Hill (8-15-99)**
Private property surrounded by a WMA
Provides property, which becomes surrounded by a WMA after June 30, 1999 is required to participate in the DMAP program if participating in the outside hunting season and not the WMA season.
- Act # SB 154 Sen. Smith and Rep. Jack Smith (8-15-99)**
Commercial Fresh Products License
Provides a commercial fisherman to possess a fresh products license if selling fish to a consumer in state. Provides for related matters, and if selling to a retail dealer, restaurant retail grocery, wholesale or out of state to be required to obtain a wholesale dealer's license. Provides reporting requirements for a fresh products licensee.
- Act # HB 365 Dupre**
Electronic submission of Trip ticket data
Provides that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall have the capability to receive trip ticket data electronically by January 1, 2001. Provides that the provisions of trip tickets shall not apply to crawfish or catfish until January 1, 2000.
- Act # HB 998 John Smith (6-30-99)**
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (Sunset)
Recreates the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries until July 1, 2004.
- Act # HB 223 Morrish**
Exposing law enforcement officer to infectious disease
Provides mandatory testing requirements of persons who by certain means expose a law enforcement officer to an infectious disease.

House Resolutions

HCR 13 John Smith – Request DNR to study establishment of new rental and royalty requirements for leases.

HCR 19 Baylor – Request the enforcement littering laws.

HCR 41 John Smith – Commends Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission on 50th Anniversary

HCR 46 Wright – Urge and request LDWF to study the results and consequences of the introduction of livestock on Dewey Wills WMA.

HBR 50 John Smith – Commends Hugh Butch Bateman on his retirement

HCR 106 Odinet – Memorialize the United States Congress to oppose U.S. Food and Drug Administration rules requiring post-harvest treatment of oysters and other shellfish.

HCR 107 Daniel – Memorialize Congress to amend the Federal Migratory Bird Act to authorize states to issue stamps electronically.

HCR 202 Fontenot – Urge and request the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to study possible revision of size and creel limits for black bass on the Amite River, Blind River, Tickfaw River, and Lake Maurepas with the intentions on consistency with Atchafalaya Basis and Lake Verret.

HCR 266 Warner – Memorializes Congress to appoint a task force to develop a plan to close the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet.

HR 75 Triche - Request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the daily take and total possession limits for saltwater recreational fishing.

Senate Resolutions

SCR 12 Dean – Memorializes Congress to pursue alternative methods to the TED.

SCR 33 Ullo - Creates the Seafood Standards of Identity Task Force to review current legal, and commonly used but not legally mandated standards of identity of Louisiana commercial fisheries and seafood products and to make recommendations for universal and efficient standards.

SCR 38 Schedler - To urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to institute a public awareness campaign highlighting Louisiana's "Personal Watercraft Safety Act."

SCR 45 Robichaux – Request additional funding for fishery data collection and study of price trends in the shrimping industry.

SCR 60 Bean - To memorialize the Congress to the United States to restore National Resource Conservation Service's budget in order that it can continue to serve the conservation and environmental needs of Louisiana.

SCR 71 Robichaux - To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to conduct workshops for the "Coast Watchers" program.

SCR 73 Robichaux - To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries not to release any confidential information contained in the commercial "trip tickets".

SCR 80 Hines - To urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to develop a repellent to protect oyster beds from black drum predation.

BOOKER FOWLER FISH HATCHERY

An Innovative Aquarium and Hatchery Complex

Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery is a one-of-a-kind warm water fish hatchery and Visitor's Center located on 200 acres in central Louisiana.

The \$13 million facility opened in June, 1997 and includes a 4,300 square foot Visitor's Center housing several aquaria and educational displays of native aquatic life of Louisiana and Gulf waters.

The largest fish hatchery in Louisiana, Booker Fowler is home to the Louisiana Lunker Bass Program and produces primarily Florida largemouth bass in addition to several species of catfish. The hatchery also participates in a joint state/federal restoration project of the protected paddlefish. The hatchery has 62.25 acres of surface water.

School groups are welcome to visit. Interested teachers should call Angela Capello at 318/748-6999 to arrange a workshop.



VISITOR'S CENTER

You don't have to grow fins and sprout gills to get "eye to eye" with some of the largest bass in Louisiana. The visitor's center houses over 10,000 gallons of aquaria containing a wide array of creatures that inhabit Louisiana's waters, featuring:

Hand Painted Murals

Murals depicting a typical Louisiana swamp lead you through the visitor's center. See how many insects, reptiles, birds and mammals you can find.

Riverine Exhibit

The centerpiece of the exhibits is a 7,000 gallon riverine aquarium. Various large river species inhabit this tank.

Estuary Exhibit

A section of coastal salt marshes displayed in a 900 gallon aquarium. Here you can see red drum, speckled sea trout and other coastal fish in their natural habitat.

Bass Exhibit

View some of the largest bass in Louisiana in this 900 gallon aquarium.

Turtle Exhibit

Our 135 pound alligator snapping turtle is truly a unique living fossil.

Bream Bed Exhibit

Explore a Louisiana swamp with cypress trees draped in spanish moss. Large bluegill and red ear bream dart from tree trunk to tree trunk.

HATCHERY

The hatchery is a combination of extensive and intensive fish production. The high-tech life support systems are tailored for warm water species such as largemouth bass and catfish.

Main Wet Lab

The main wet lab contains 40 fiberglass troughs, an egg incubation room and a spawning room. Fiberglass troughs are used to hatch/rear larval fish for stocking fingerling grow-out ponds.

Raceways/Culture Ponds

Florida largemouth bass spawn in 16 concrete raceways. Covered raceways are used to grow out light sensitive paddlefish fingerlings. Seventy-three fish ponds are used for growing larval fish (fry) to two to three-inch fingerlings. Water supply is obtained from two sources: Indian Creek Reservoir (a 2, 250 acre lake adjoining the hatchery) and four wells. Surface water and well water can be blended depending on specific water quality needs. The water supply system produces 12,000 gallons per minute at peak production.



THE BEST TIME TO VISIT

MARCH

- 1-15: Artificial spawning of paddlefish. Florida largemouth bass paired in raceways.
- 16-31: Paddlefish fry hatch. Florida largemouth bass spawning (eggs and fry in wet lab).

APRIL

- 1-30: Florida largemouth bass spawning. Paddlefish fry moved to outside raceways.

MAY

- 1-15: Florida largemouth bass spawn ends. Paddlefish fingerlings. Catfish broodstock paired in ponds.
- 16-30: Harvest of bass fingerlings. Catfish spawning (eggs and fry in wet lab).

JUNE

- 1-30: Bass fingerlings harvested/stocked. Catfish spawning. Paddlefish tagged/stocked in Louisiana rivers.

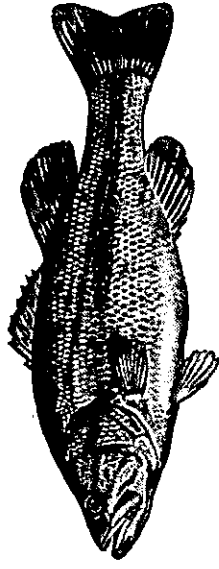
JULY

- 1-15: Catfish spawn ends. Catfish fingerlings harvested/stocked.

Directions to Booker Fowler Hatchery

I-49 Take Exit 73 (Woodworth Exit) south of Alexandria or if traveling HWY 165 turn east at the caution light in the town of Woodworth. Follow the signs to the Indian Creek Recreation Area. Just prior to the entrance of the recreation area turn right on the gravel road, cross over Indian Creek Reservoir and the hatchery will be on the left. To schedule tours call 318/748-6999.

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BOOKER FOWLER FISH HATCHERY



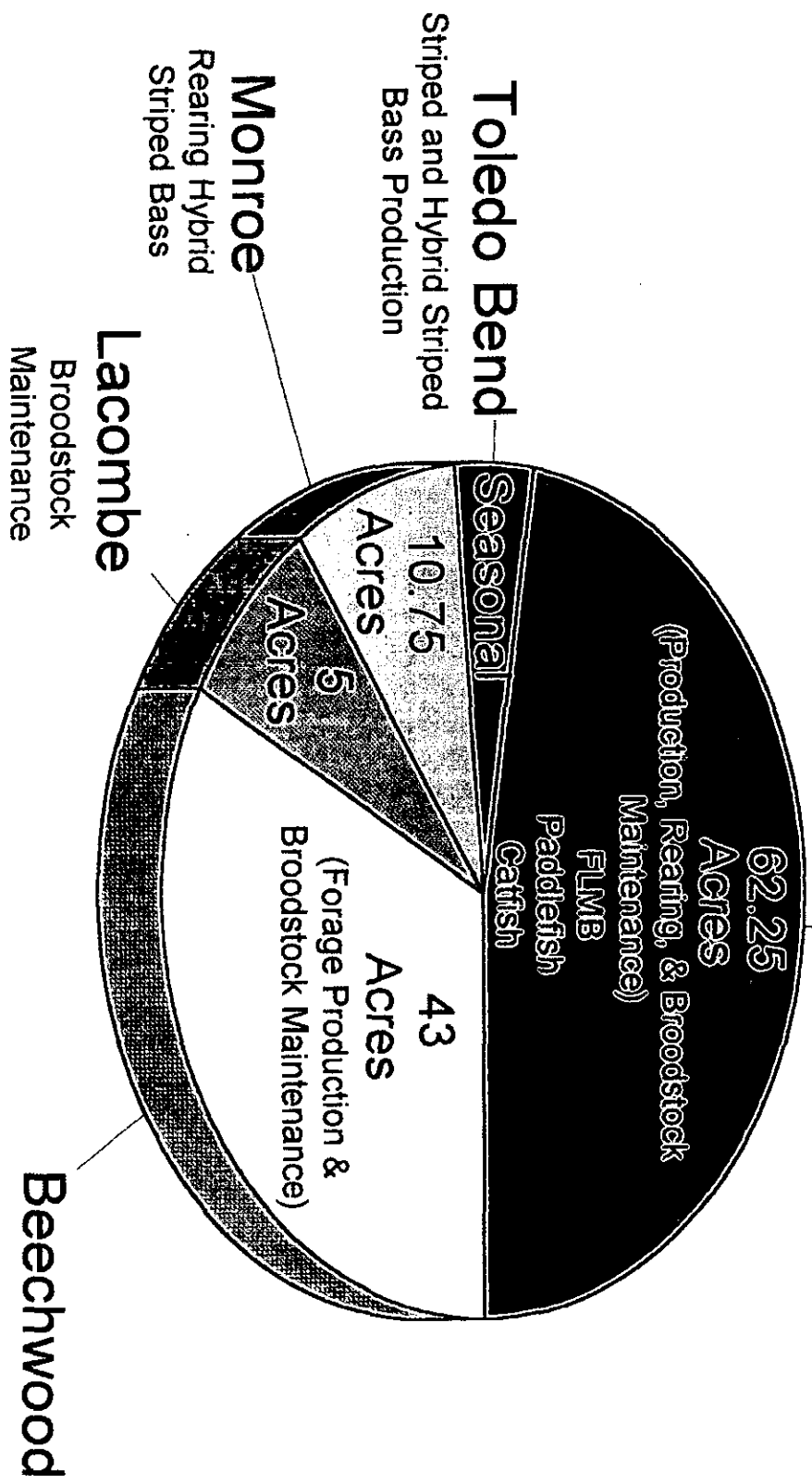
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Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
P.O. Box 609
Forest Hill, LA 71430



LDWF Hatchery System

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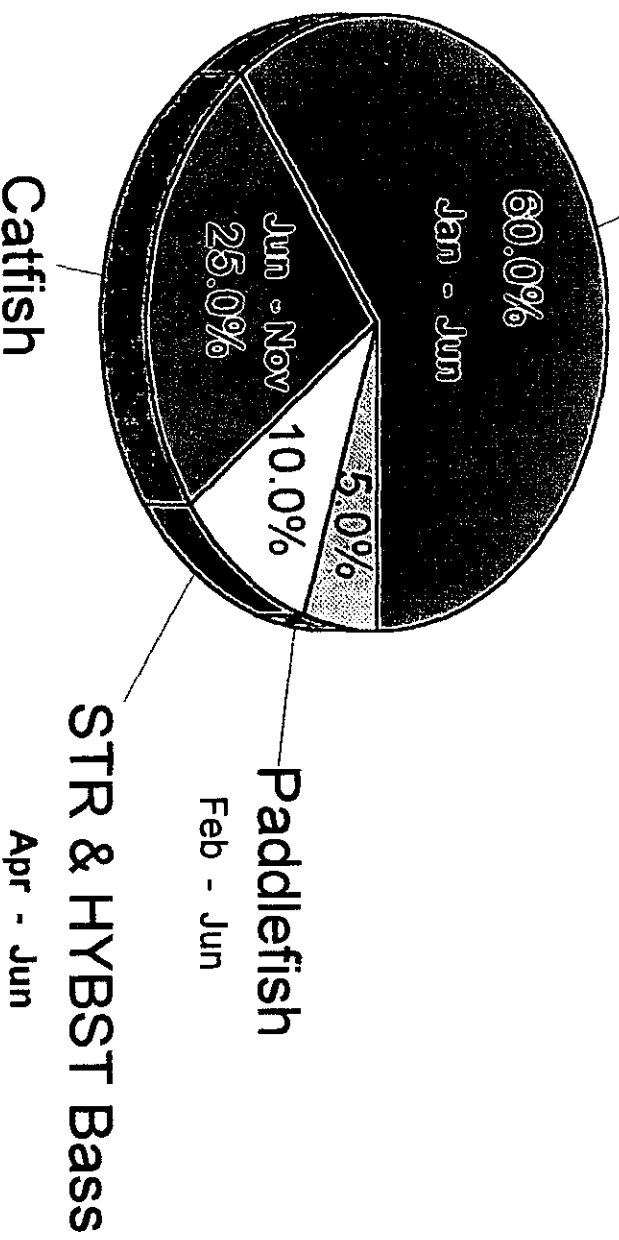
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LDWF Hatchery Fish Production

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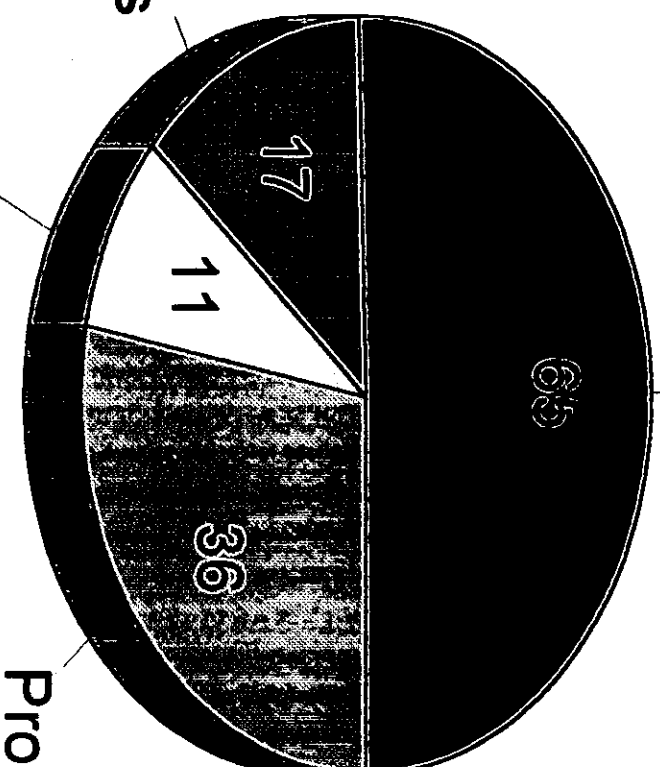
LDWF Hatchery System

Pond Usage

Rearing Ponds

Total Ponds - 129

Total Acres - 121



Broodstock Ponds

Problem Ponds

Forage Production

1999 FLMB Fingerling Production Summary

- 6,435,150 FLMB Fry were produced at Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery
- 5,479,650 advanced FLMB Fry were stocked into ponds at Booker Fowler, Beechwood, and Natch. Natl. F.H. ponds
- 955,500 advanced FLMB Fry were stocked directly into Louisiana public lakes early in the year
- 2,697,487 Fingerlings were harvested from these ponds and stocked into public waters of Louisiana
- 23,592 Fingerlings were kept as future replacement broodstock at Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery
- Combined Survival, Fry stage to Fingerling stage, (State and Federal Rearing Ponds) was 50%

1999 LDWF Freshwater Fish Stockings **1/1/99 to 7/2/99**

Date	Age	Species*	Genetic [†] Cross	Origin of Fish	Receiving Water	No./wt.	Total No.	Total Weight	Driver
1/29/99	1 yr.	FLMB	STJ, BW, SM	BF	City Park New Orleans	N/A	1305	239.5 lbs	Libby
3/2/99	Fry ²	FLMB	SM x STJ [•]	BF	Saline	250/g	84,000	336 g	D. Byrd
3/2/99	Fry ²	FLMB	SM x STJ [•]	BF	John K. Kelly	250/g	124,500	498 g	Ginny
3/3/99	Fry ²	FLMB	SM x STJ [•]	BF	Poverty Point	250/g	100,500	402 g	Jimmy
3/5/99	Fry ²	FLMB	SM x STJ [•]	BF	Spanish Lake (Iberia Parish)	250/g	124,000	496 g	Jimmy
3/5/99	Fry ²	FLMB	SM x STJ [•]	BF	Concordia	250/g	100,000	400 g	Scott
3/9/99	Fry ²	FLMB	SM x STJ [•]	BF	Caernarvon	250/g	300,000	1200 g	Ginny
3/12/99	Fry ²	FLMB	SM x STJ [•]	BF	Toledo Bend	250/g	51,500	204 g	Robert
3/12/99	Fry ²	FLMB	SM x STJ [•]	BF	Chicot	250/g	71,000	284 g	Jimmy
3/15/99	Fry ¹	PDDL	N/A	BF	Mermentau R.	80/g	617,280	7716 g	B. Reed
3/16/99	Fry ¹	PDDL	N/A	BF	Mermentau R.	80/g	152,960	1912 g	B. Reed
4/15/99	Fingerling	FLMB	STJ x TYL	NNFH	John K. Kelly	812/lb	57,652	71.0 lbs	K. Kilpatrick
4/15/99	Fingerling	FLMB	STJ x TYL	NNFH	John K. Kelly	880/lb	73,480	83.5 lbs	K. Kilpatrick
4/20/99	Fingerling	FLMB	STJ x TYL	NNFH	Black Bayou (Bossier)	1200/lb	42,000	35.0 lbs	J. Dean
4/20/99	Fingerling	FLMB	STJ x TYL	NNFH	Rodemacher	1523/lb	103,104	67.7 lbs	J. Dean
4/20/99	Fingerling	FLMB	STJ x TYL	BF	The Pen	1623.38/lb	30,844	19 lbs	Tracy & Jeff
4/20/99	Fingerling	FLMB	STJ x TYL	BF	The Pen	4020/lb	58,290	14.5 lbs	Tracy & Jeff
4/21/99	Fingerling	FLMB	STJ x TYL	BF	Concordia	2776/lb	120,756	43.5 lbs	Jimmy

Date	Age	Species*	Genetic ^Δ Cross	Origin of Fish	Receiving Water	No./wt.	Total No.	Total Weight	Driver
4/21/99	Fingerling	FLMB	STJ x TYL	BF	Kincaid	2776/lb	20,820	7.5 lbs	Jimmy
4/23/99	Fingerling	FLMB	STJ	BF	False River	834.264/lb	3,337	4.0 lbs	Jackie
4/23/99	Fingerling	FLMB	BW	BF	False River	510.210/lb	3,061	6.0 lbs	Jackie
4/23/99	Fingerling	FLMB	SM	BF	False River	555.562/lb	1,944	3.5 lbs	Jackie
4/23/99	Fingerling	FLMB	BW	BF	University Lake (Baton Rouge)	510.210/lb	1,503	3.0 lbs	Jackie
4/23/99	Fingerling	FLMB	BW	BF	Bayou Teche (Breaux Bridge)	510.210/lb	10,204	20.0 lbs	Jackie
4/27/99	Fingerling	FLMB	ASF	BF	Caney Lake	1689.192/lb	84,460	50.0 lbs	D. Bowman
4/28/99	Fingerling	FLMB	ASF	BF	Canaervon	1838.237/lb	112,132	61.0 lbs	Libby
4/29/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Chicot	3689/lb	36,895	10.0 lbs	Jackie
5/5/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Rodemacher	2463/lb	54,186	22.0 lbs	Jackie
5/5/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Cotile	2463/lb	21,674	8.8 lbs	Jackie
5/5/99	Fingerling	FLMB	ASF	BF	Chicot	1168.230/lb	44,977	38.5 lbs	Jackie
5/5/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	D'Arbonne	2513/lb	140,728	56.0 lbs	D. Bowman
5/6/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	False River	3268/lb	25,164	7.7 lbs	Frere
5/6/99	Fingerling	HYSTB	N/A	BF	False River	2959/lb	32,253	10.9 lbs	Frere
5/6/99	Fingerling	HYSTB	N/A	BF	Claiborne	2040/lb	48,980	24.0 lbs	Jackie
5/6/99	Fingerling	HYSTB	N/A	BF	Claiborne	2959/lb	19,235	6.5 lbs	Jackie
5/6/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Claiborne	4873/lb	68,222	14.0 lbs	Jackie
5/6/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Lake Louis	4873/lb	19,979	4.1 lbs	Jimmy
5/6/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Lake St. Joseph	4873/lb	19,979	4.1 lbs	Jimmy
5/6/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Lake Bruin	3226/lb	31,615	9.8 lbs	Jimmy
5/6/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Lake St. John	3226/lb	21,614	6.7 lbs	Jimmy

Date	Age	Species*	Genetic ^A Cross	Origin of Fish	Receiving Water	No./wt.	Total No.	Total Weight	Driver
5/6/99	Fingerling	HVSTB	N/A	BF	Lake St. John	2959/lb	17,754	6.0 lbs	Jimmy
5/7/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Caney Lake	1996.182/lb	149,706	75.0 lbs	Jimmy
5/6/99	Fingerling	FLMB	ASF	NNFH	Bistineau	500/lb	17,500	35.0 lbs	B. Hartman
5/6/99	Fingerling	FLMB	ASF	NNFH	Bistineau	510/lb	72,930	143.0 lbs	B. Hartman
5/6/99	Fingerling	FLMB	ASF	NNFH	Bistineau	340/lb	11,900	35.0 lbs	B. Hartman
5/6/99	Fingerling	FLMB	ASF	NNFH	Bistineau	400/lb	18,000	45.0 lbs	B. Hartman
5/7/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Vernon	4873/lb	37,500	7.7 lbs	Frere'
5/7/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Vernon	3268/lb	95,700	29.3 lbs	Frere'
5/10/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Caddo	1879.807/lb	54,514	29.0 lbs	Jackie
5/10/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Caddo	1582.283/lb	83,861	53.0 lbs	Jackie
5/12/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Spring Bayou	1984.127/lb	15,476	7.8 lbs	J. David
5/12/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Spring Bayou	1050.427/lb	9,680	9.2 lbs	J. David
5/12/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Bistineau	1984.127/lb	52,000	26.2 lbs	Jackie
5/12/99	Fingerling	HVSTB	N/A	BF	Bistineau	3547/lb	53,205	15.0 lbs	Jackie
5/12/99	Fingerling	HVSTB	N/A	BF	Bistineau	2732/lb	40,434	14.8 lbs	Jackie
5/12/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Vernon	3106/lb	67,090	21.6 lbs	Ginny
5/13/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Blind R.	2618/lb	12,043	4.6 lbs	Paul
5/13/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Tangipahoa R.	2618/lb	12,043	4.6 lbs	Paul
5/13/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Amite R.	3106/lb	16,772	5.4 lbs	Paul
5/13/99	Fingerling	FLMB	NAT	BF	Tickfaw R.	1050.427/lb	22,899	21.8 lbs	Paul
5/18/99	Fingerling	FLMB	TYL x STJ	NNFH	Sabine NWR	1230/lb	74,414	60.50 lbs	Jimmy
5/18/99	Fingerling	FLMB	TYL x STJ	NNFH	Saline Lake	1512/lb	13,608	9 lbs	K. Kilpatrick

Date	Age	Species*	Genetic ^Δ Cross	Origin of Fish	Receiving Water	No./wt.	Total No.	Total Weight	Driver
5/19/99	Fingerling	HYSTB	N/A	BF	Lake Bruin	2263/lb	28,966	12.8 lbs	Jackie
5/19/99	Fingerling	FLMB	TYL x STJ	NNFH	Lacassine NWR	1512/lb	78,624	52.0 lbs	Jimmy
5/19/99	Fingerling	FLMB	TYL x STJ	NNFH	Sabine	900/lb	14,400	16.0 lbs	Jimmy
5/21/99	Fingerling	PDDL ²	N/A	BF	Lake Arthur	N/A	1,998	N/A	Jimmy
5/21/99	Fingerling	FLMB	TYL x LAC	BF	Rockefeller Refuge	2242/lb	20,178	9.0 lbs	Ginny
5/21/99	Fingerling	FLMB	TYL x LAC	BF	Rockefeller Refuge	2193/lb	46,053	21.0 lbs	Ginny
5/21/99	Fingerling	FLMB	TYL x LAC	NNFH	Caenarvon	1404/lb	148,824	106.0 lbs	Jackie/Libby
5/21/99	Fingerling	FLMB	TYL x LAC	NNFH	Saline	1600/lb	35,200	22.0 lbs	Jimmy
5/26/99	Fingerling	FLMB	TYL x LAC	NNFH	The Pen	887/lb	95,796	108.0 lbs	Jackie
5/26/99	Fingerling	FLMB	TYL x LAC	NNFH	Spanish Lake	919/lb	99,252	108.0 lbs	Jimmy
6/2/99	Fingerling	FLMB	TYL x LAC	BF	Atchafalaya Basin	925.927/lb	22,037	23.8 lbs	Scott/Erere ²
6/2/99	Fingerling	FLMB	TYL x LAC	BF	Atchafalaya Basin	543.742/lb	26,752	49.2 lbs	Scott/Erere ²
6/4/99	Fingerling	FLMB	TYL x LAC	BF	Atchafalaya Basin	1404.500/lb	64,115	45.65 lbs	Scott/Erere ²
6/4/99	Fingerling	PDDL ²	N/A	BF	Atchafalaya Basin	N/A	2,454	N/A	Ginny
6/8/99	Fingerling	PDDL ²	N/A	BF	Atchafalaya Basin	N/A	2,545	N/A	Jimmy
6/10/99	Fingerling	PDDL ²	N/A	BF	Mississippi R.	N/A	2,989	N/A	Jimmy
6/11/99	Fingerling	PDDL ²	N/A	BF	Mississippi R.	N/A	2,750	N/A	Jimmy
6/23/99	Fingerling	STB	N/A	PK	Toledo Bend	N/A	80,006	N/A	Jimmy
6/23/99	Fingerling	STB	N/A	PK	Toledo Bend	N/A	94,548	N/A	Jimmy

Date	Age	Species*	Genetic ^Δ Cross	Origin of Fish	Receiving Water	No./wt.	Total No.	Total Weight	Driver
6/24/99	Fingerling	STB	N/A	DUN	Ouachita R.	N/A	118,121	N/A	Jimmy
6/24/99	Fingerling	STB	N/A	DUN	Ouachita R.	N/A	139,722	N/A	Jimmy
6/24/99	Fingerling	PDDL*	N/A	BF	Atchafalaya Basin	N/A	2,488	N/A	Scott
6/25/99	Fingerling	PDDL*	N/A	BF	Atchafalaya Basin	N/A	2,089	N/A	Scott
6/30/99	Fingerling	STB	N/A	DUN	Ouachita R.	850/lb	42,500	50 lbs	Donna
6/30/99	Fingerling	STB	N/A	DUN	Toledo Bend	850/lb	114,750	135 lbs	Jimmy
6/30/99	Fingerling	PDDL*	N/A	BF	Atchafalaya Basin	N/A	2,491	N/A	Scott/Ginny
7/1/99	Fingerling	BCF	N/A	JAS	City Park (Baton Rouge)	300/lb	5,000	16.7 lbs	Ginny
7/1/99	Fingerling	BCF	N/A	JAS	Turkey Creek Lake	300/lb	15,300	51 lbs	Donna
7/2/99	Fingerling	PDDL*	N/A	BF	Atchafalaya Basin	N/A	1,852	N/A	Scott/Frere'

Totals As of July 2, 1999

FLMB (Fing.)- 2,697,487
 FLMB (Fry) - 955,500
 FLMB (Adult)- 1,305

3,654,292

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PDDL(Fry)- 770,240
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HVSTB(Fing.)- 240,827
 STB (Fing.)- 589,647
 BCF (Fing.)- 20,300

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5,296,962

*Note: "FLMB" = Florida-strain Largemouth Bass
 "PDDL" = Paddlefish
 "PDDL" = Coded Wire Tagged Paddlefish
 "BCF" = Blue Catfish Fingerlings
 "HYSTB" = Hybrid Striped Bass Fingerlings
 "STB" = Striped Bass Fingerlings

"Note: "Fry¹" = Sac Fry
 "Fry²" = Advanced Fry on Feed
 "1 yr." = Juveniles Hatched Spring '98
 "Fingerling" = Reared in Ponds to 1" Length

^ANote: All crosses are written as ♀ x ♂ unless otherwise noted
 "SM x STJ" = Crosses mixed with both ♀ SM x ♂ STJ and
 ♂ STJ x ♀ SM

Key to Abbreviations:

Genetic Strains:
 STJ = St. John's River
 BW = Beechwood
 SM = San Marcos
 TYL = Tyler
 ASF = American Sportfish
 NAT = Natchitoches

Delivering Hatcheries:
 BF = Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery
 NNFH = Natchitoches Natl. Fish Hatchery

Other:
 N/A = Not available/Not applicable

Origin of Fish:

PK = Possum Kingdom, Texas
 DUN = Dundee, Texas
 JAS = Jasper, Texas

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INTRODUCTION

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' fish hatchery system has a rich history of fish production and research. Much of the technology used in modern catfish and striped bass aquacultural practices was developed in the Department's hatchery facilities. Historically, the hatchery system functioned primarily as support for technical assistance to pond and small lake owners, and for stocking new and renovated lakes with native species, predominantly largemouth bass and bluegill. The Department's decision to begin the introduction of the Florida subspecies of the largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides floridanus*) and the adoption of the Louisiana Black Bass Management Plan mandated a hatchery policy change.

Florida largemouth bass production required changes in hatchery techniques. Previously, largemouth broodstock were collected from the wild in March of each year, stocked into hatchery ponds and allowed to spawn. Broodstock maintenance was not required because they were released.

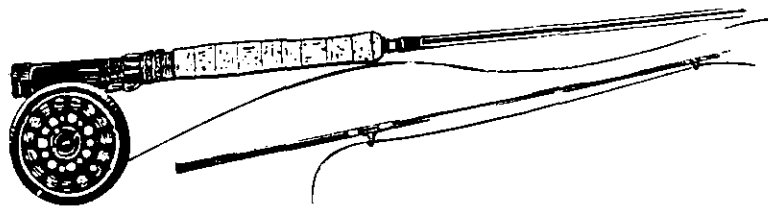
Maintenance of certified Florida largemouth bass broodstock will include feeding, water quality management, disease and parasite control, and maintaining broodstock body condition sufficient to produce gametes.

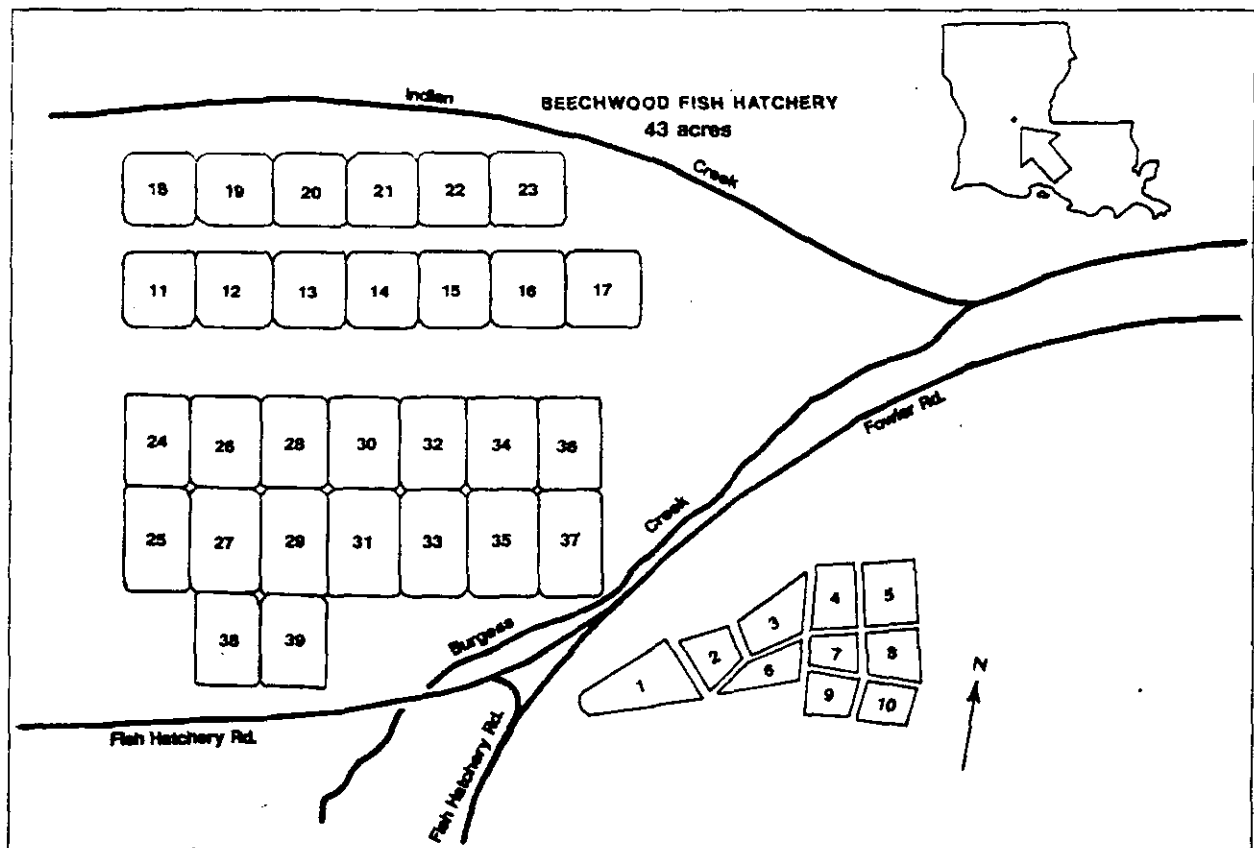
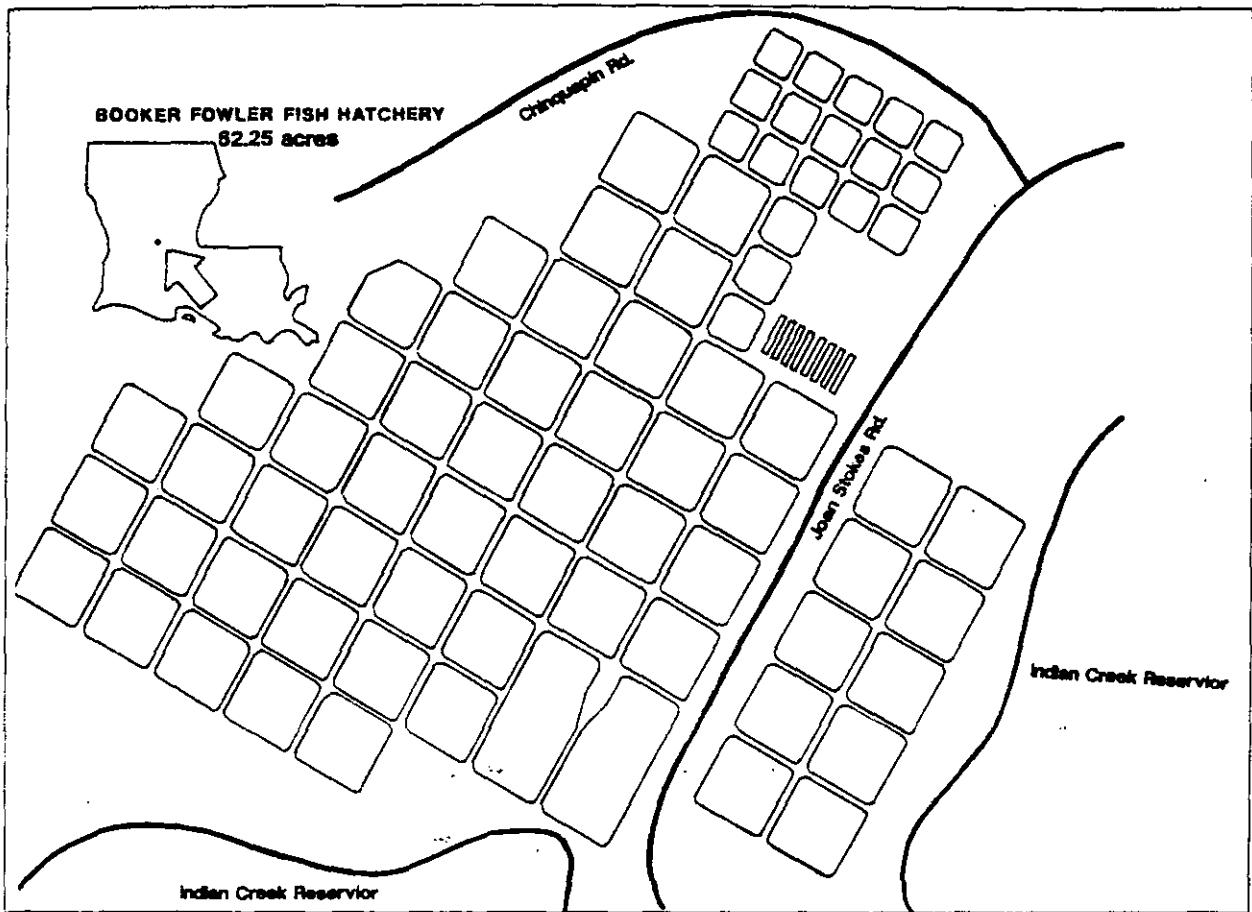
Historically, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has operated three fish hatcheries. These facilities, Beechwood Fish Hatchery, Monroe Fish Hatchery and

Lacombe Fish Hatchery, are older facilities constructed in the 1920s and 1930s. A new facility, Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery, was recently completed and will begin production in the spring of 1997. Additionally, the Inland Fisheries Division operates an egg taking facility at the Toledo Bend Research Station. Striped bass and hybrid striped bass fry are produced each April and shipped to other hatcheries for rearing.

The Department's present hatchery program is staffed by 16 permanent employees and two part-time students. Current staff at the Monroe Fish Hatchery consists of a Biologist 2 and one student. Staffing at the Booker Fowler/Beechwood Fish Hatchery includes the Program Manager, a Biologist Manager, an Aquatic Habitat Specialist Supervisor, 9 Fish Hatchery Specialist II's, a Maintenance Repairman II, a Secretary II, and one part-time student. Lacombe Fish Hatchery is staffed by one Biologist II. The Booker Fowler and Beechwood Fish Hatchery system and staff were combined to provide an efficient fingerling production unit.

Toledo Bend Research Station is staffed seasonally with approximately 30 Inland Fisheries Division employees during the striped bass spawning period. The work involves three shifts, working 12 hours a day, seven days a week from the second week in April through the first week in May.





BOOKER FOWLER FISH HATCHERY

The Inland Fisheries Division recognized the limitations of the Department's Hatchery System, and in the Division's 1989 "Advanced Planning Document," estimated a Florida largemouth bass production shortfall of 4,000,000 fingerlings per year. In 1990, the Louisiana Legislature appropriated \$1,000,000 for site selection and design of a new hatchery to address this shortfall. The United States Congress granted a Department request for \$12,375,000 in 1993 and a new hatchery was completed in August of 1996.

Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery, located in central Louisiana near the Beechwood Fish Hatchery, has been designated the Department's primary fish production facility. This facility will produce all fry other than striped bass and hybrid striped bass fry and provide most of the fingerling production. It consists of 55 one-acre rearing ponds, 15

one-quarter acre broodstock ponds, 3 one-third acre isolation ponds, 16 concrete raceways, 40 fiberglass troughs, an egg incubation room, and a spawning room. All ponds are lined with linear low density polyethylene.

Water supply for Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery is surface water from Indian Creek Reservoir, a 2,250 acre oligotrophic lake adjoining the hatchery. Four wells also supply water. Surface water and well water can be blended in a series of filters and degassing columns, depending on specific water quality needs.

The water supply system produces 12,000 g.p.m. at peak production. Water quality management is also provided in wet and dry life support systems consisting of water hardening equipment, chilling units, an ozone disinfecting unit, and a recirculating system.

BEECHWOOD FISH HATCHERY

Beechwood Fish Hatchery, constructed in the 1920s, is located about 20 miles south of Alexandria near Forest Hill, Louisiana. Originally the hatchery consisted of 10 earthen ponds impounding 10.42 acres of water. Thirteen one-acre ponds were added in 1973 and a \$2.3 million renovation and expansion project was completed in 1995 adding 16 more ponds and increasing the surface acreage to 43 acres.

Hatchery water supply is surface water from Indian Creek, a permanent stream flowing at a rate of approximately 2,000 g.p.m. per minute. Two wells, with a capacity of 500 g.p.m. each, are also available. Indian Creek water is pumped into the hatchery and evacuated by gravity. Average annual water use is 113,000,000 gallons, with associated costs

of \$5,000. The present water supply is abundant, uncontaminated and has historically produced many fish.

The renovation and expansion project upgraded the entire hatchery by providing electrical outlets, kettle walkways, concrete steps, aeration, and improved drainage to every pond. The renovation also included reworking of an existing well, addition of two new wells, and installation of a new intake structure.

The 16 new ponds are lined with polyethylene geomembrane. Pond liners provide benefits such as elimination of aquatic vegetation, control of fish diseases and parasites, lower biological oxygen demand and precise pond preparation, maintenance, and management.

Historically, the Beechwood Fish Hatchery produced largemouth bass and bluegill in support of the Department's technical assistance to small lake and farm pond owners. Department policy changed in 1986, shifting production from native largemouth bass/bluegill to Florida largemouth bass.



Florida largemouth bass fingerling production potential at Beechwood Fish Hatchery is 1,720,000; however, its production role will be switched to

broodstock maintenance and forage production. Table 1 lists the 1997 inventory of Department Broodstock.

TABLE 1. 1997 INVENTORY OF DEPARTMENTAL BROODSTOCK

species	number	approximate weight (pounds)
Florida largemouth bass	900	2,400
channel catfish	234	800
blue catfish	220	1,000
crappie	50	50
koi	500	1000
bluegill	200	170
golden shiner	40,000	400

LACOMBE FISH HATCHERY

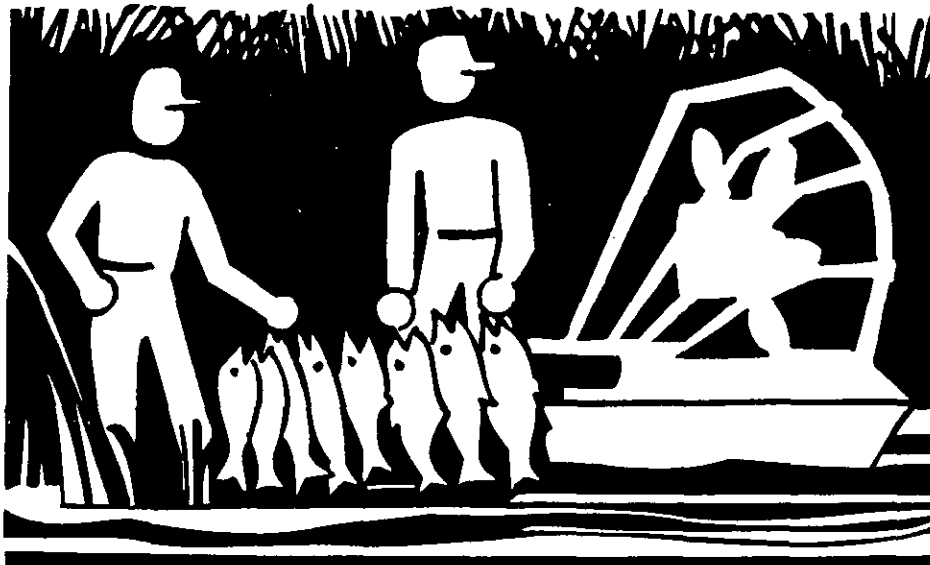
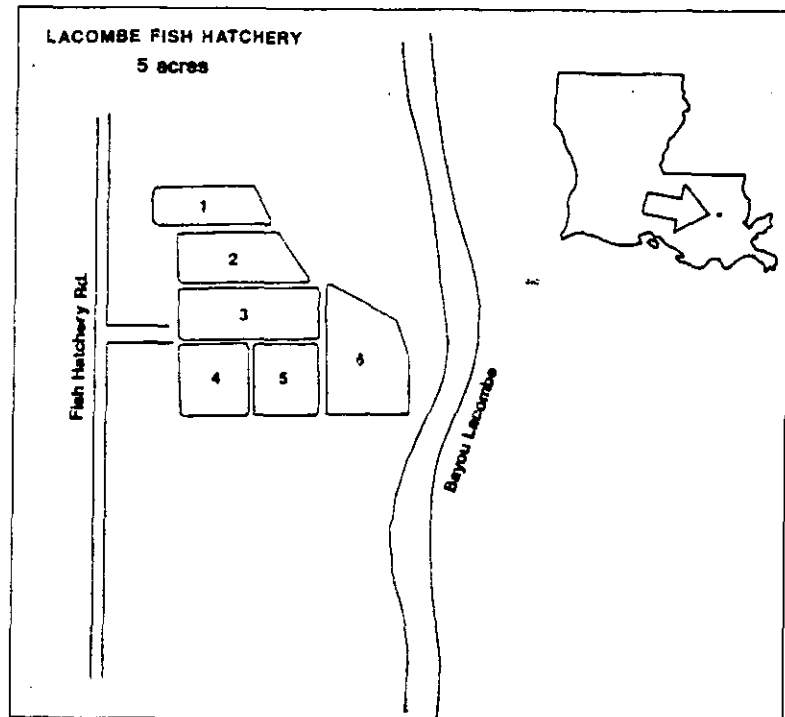
Lacombe Fish Hatchery is a 6-pond, five surface acre facility built on a tract of land donated to the State in 1931. The donation stipulated that the property be used for fish production. The hatchery began operation in 1932. It was renovated in 1972-74 and has since played an important role in the reestablishment of striped bass in Louisiana.

The hatchery now functions as a Florida largemouth bass fingerling (Phase I and Phase II) grow-out facility. Phase II fingerlings are fish returned to rearing ponds after the initial harvest and held through the remaining growing season. Future broodstock are often selected from these fish. The site also serves as the District VIII administrative office of the Inland Fisheries Division. Also, Department Education staff frequently use the facility as an aquatic education center because of its proximity to New Orleans.

LaCombe Fish Hatchery is currently staffed with one Fish

Biologist I. The Division's District VIII administrative offices are located at LaCombe and administrative personnel frequently assist with harvest and maintenance.

Long range plans for the hatchery include continued use as a Florida largemouth grow-out facility and a production research site for anadromous fishes, including Gulf race striped bass and Gulf sturgeon.



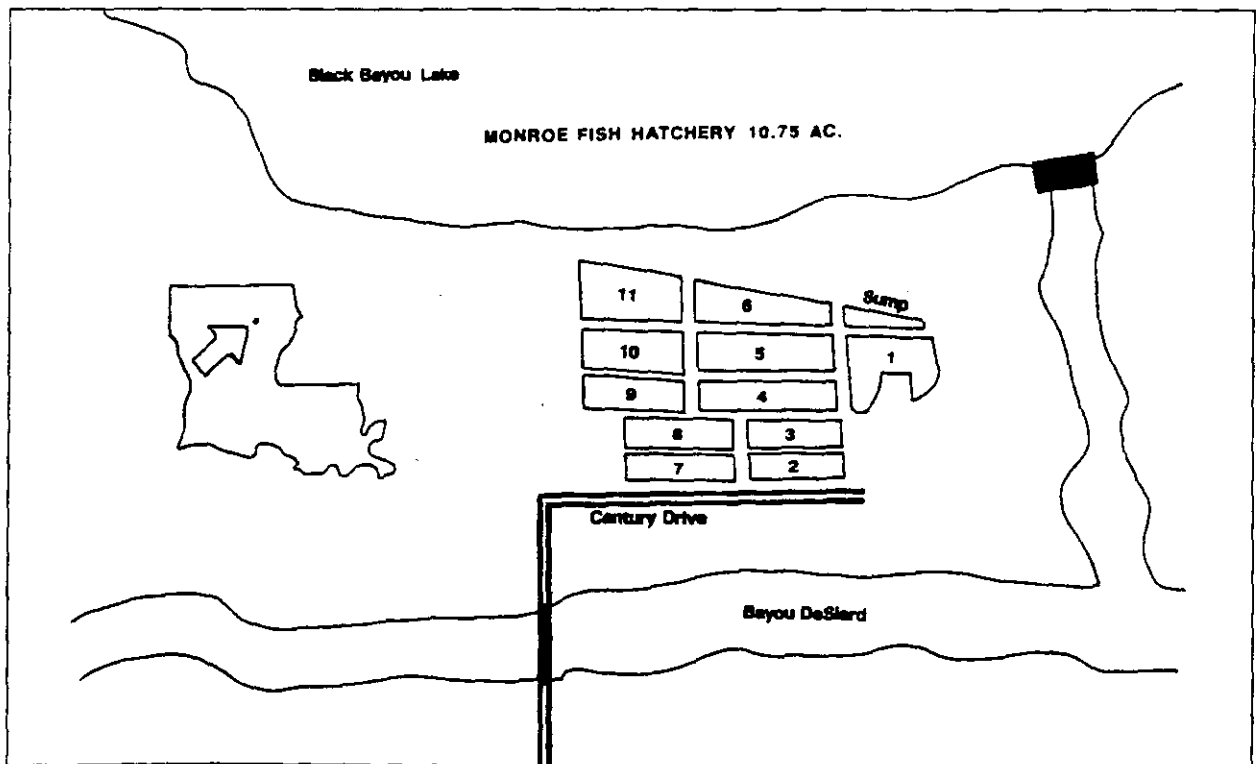
MONROE FISH HATCHERY

The Monroe Fish Hatchery is located 5 miles north of Monroe, just off U.S. Highway 165. The land for the fish hatchery was dedicated by Southern Carbon Company in 1930 with the agreement that the land (25.65 acres) must be used to produce fish. The hatchery was constructed in 1931 and consists of 12 earthen ponds, 11 of which are production ponds. All 11 production ponds are connected to the 12th pond, a "sump" pond, from which water is pumped, creating a gravity drainage system.

Water management at Monroe Fish Hatchery costs \$1,700 annually. The water supply for the hatchery is surface water pumped from Bayou DeSiard, a eutrophic water course that forms the western boundary of the property. No suitable ground water is available. The 11 ponds provide 10.75 surface acres of water for fish production. Water quality management is difficult because

of the water source, the age of the ponds and their almost constant use. The water supply is abundant, contaminant free, highly fertile, and produces dense phytoplankton and zooplankton blooms. This high productivity causes complicated difficulties with water quality management but striped bass and hybrid striped bass production is particularly good when the water quality is successfully managed. The Department's District II administrative offices are also located at this site

Current fish production at the Monroe Fish Hatchery consists of maintenance and spawning of Florida largemouth bass. Fingerling production for the 1996 fiscal year was 256,048 but it will change to a fingerling rearing facility in the spring and summer of 1997. Immediate plans are to move the Florida largemouth bass broodstock from Monroe Fish Hatchery to Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery in January 1997, when normal pre-



spawn broodstock management begins. This will free pond space normally utilized for spawning to rear 600,000 Florida largemouth bass fingerlings in 6 ponds and 500,000 hybrid striped bass fingerlings in the remaining 5 ponds. Florida largemouth bass fry shipped from the Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery will be stocked at a rate of 150,000 per acre in mid to late March, reared to approximately 1,500 per pound, harvested and distributed to public lakes in late May.

Hybrid striped bass fry from Toledo Bend Research Station will be stocked at 200,000 per acre. Hybrid striped bass fingerlings are also usually harvested in June, but this is dependent upon the condition of the microfaunal forage base in rearing ponds. Fingerling body condition is closely monitored. When it is evident that forage in the pond has been "cropped," fingerlings are

harvested.

Ideally, fingerlings average about 1,000 per pound or 2 inches in total length at this time. Ponds are allowed to dry for approximately 15-30 days after the Florida largemouth bass and hybrid striped bass harvest. Catfish fingerlings, blue and channel, produced at the Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery will then be stocked into 4 ponds at a rate of 100,000 per acre. Fingerlings 4-6 inches long will be ready for harvest in November or December.

Long range plans for the Monroe facility include pond levee renovation, and then paddlefish and pallid sturgeon grow-out.

Currently, there are no plans to increase staff at the Monroe Fish Hatchery. The Biologist I and a part-time student are assisted by District II Inland Fisheries staff during peak harvest operations.

TOLEDO BEND HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Striped bass spawning operations at the Toledo Bend Fish Research Station begin in March with the collection of male white bass for the production of hybrid striped bass. White bass males are captured most often from the Sabine River. They are transported to Toledo Bend Research Station and held in tanks until they are used to fertilize striped bass eggs.

Striped bass broodstock collection usually begins the first week in April. Females are captured in gill nets and seines, and with hook and line near the hydroelectric power plant, transported to the station, injected with 150 International Units (IU) of Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (HCG) per pound of body weight and placed in separate Livingstream® tanks. The holding room is kept dark and quiet as possible to reduce stress. Livingstream® tanks have a false bottom and a suction type aerator which establishes a

current into which the fish orient themselves. Water temperature is maintained at 65°F with a salinity of 10 ppt (parts per thousand) and a dissolved oxygen level of 8 parts per million. Egg development is checked 20-24 hours after injection by removing a sample of the eggs from the fish's ovary using a glass catheter and examining the ova at 10x. Estimated time of ovulation is then determined. This judgment is based on amount of development observed in the eggs. At ovulation, the eggs are stripped from the female into a plastic tray and fertilized. Male white bass are used when hybrids are being produced, and male striped bass when pure stripers are being produced. Water is added to the eggs and sperm, mixed gently with a feather, and placed into hatching jars at 100,000 per container. Fresh water, flowing at a rate of 1.8 g.p.m. is introduced into the bottom of the jars through a plastic tube. This keeps the eggs

suspended while they imbibe water and cell division begins. It also supplies the eggs with oxygen and removes the by-products of cell development and any unfertilized eggs. Depending upon the water temperature, the eggs hatch within 3 days. Larvae begin to

swim out of the jars and into holding aquariums where they are held until numbers are estimated. They are then prepared for shipping to feed-out facilities. Normal fry production is about 10-12 million fry annually.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Striped bass fry produced at the Toledo Bend Research Station will be distributed to the federal fish hatcheries, particularly Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery. In return, the federal fish hatchery will rear

Phase I and Phase II striped bass fingerlings and stock them in Louisiana waters including Toledo Bend and coastal rivers. (Appendix 1)



BOOKER FOWLER PLANNED PRODUCTION

Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery operations are scheduled to begin January 1997 and will function as the State's primary fry and fingerling production facility. The Department's other hatcheries will support Booker Fowler by functioning as holding and/or rearing facilities. Beginning production will involve Florida largemouth bass, forage, and three species of catfish. Gulf sturgeon and paddlefish

production will begin in 1999. (Table 2) Production process flow diagram for Booker Fowler and Beechwood and planned annual fish production for Monroe and Lacombe are shown in Diagram 1.

Hatchery production quotas, species selection, stocking needs, and locations are set annually by the Inland Fisheries administrative staff.

TABLE 2. BOOKER FOWLER PRODUCTION TARGET BY SPECIES, 1997-2001

SPECIES	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
Florida largemouth bass	5 million	5 million	5 million	5 million	7 million
Channel catfish	676,000	2 million	2 million+	2 million+	2 million+
Blue catfish	866,000	2 million	2 million+	2 million+	2 million+
Flathead catfish	235,000	1.5 million	1.5 million+	1.5 million+	1.5 million+
Paddlefish			5 million	500,000	500,000 +
Gulf sturgeon			15 million	150,000	150,000 +
TOTALS	6,777,000	10,500,000	11,150,000+	11,150,000+	13,150,000+

DIAGRAM I.
PRODUCTION PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM
BOOKER FOWLER/BEECHWOOD FISH HATCHERIES

Species	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Largemouth Bass		Rewys 8	16	14	9	5					
Broodstock			Troughs 8	24	16	8					
10 ponds			Ponds 8	16	28	32	24	12			
Blue Catfish											866,000
Broodstock											4-6" fingerlings
4 ponds BW											4 ponds BW
Channel Catfish											676,000
4 ponds BW											4-6" fingerlings
Flathead Catfish											4 ponds BW
4 ponds BW											235,000 fingerlings
Forage (koi, bluegill, golden shiner)											12,000 lbs.
14 ponds BW											

MONROE HATCHERY
PLANNED FISH PRODUCTION 1997

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fla. Large-mouth Bass				Ponds 6	=600,000 1-1.5" fingerlings							
Hybrid Striped Bass				Ponds 6	=300,000 1-1.5" fingerlings							
Blue Catfish								Ponds 2				=320,000 4-6" fingerlings
Channel Catfish								Ponds 2				=320,000 4-6" fingerlings

LACOMBE HATCHERY
PLANNED FISH PRODUCTION 1997

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fla. Large-mouth Bass												
—Phase 1—						Ponds 6	=400,000 1-1.5" fingerlings					
—Phase 2—								Ponds 4				=200,000 3-6" fingerlings

FLORIDA LARGEMOUTH BASS PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES

Largemouth bass can be spawned by different methods. Historically, largemouth bass were collected from the wild and stocked at a rate of 20-40 pairs per acre when water temperature reached 60°F. Production ponds were supplied with about 50 sand/pea-gravel piles to serve as spawning substrate. Hatchery staff began inspections immediately and continued daily, noting spawning activity first and fry schools later.

Male largemouth bass often spawn more than one female and, when spawning ceases, guard the nest. They remain near the fertilized egg mass, the larvae and the sac fry until the fry are free-swimming. Hatchery staff then locate and capture as many swim-up fry as possible before the schools disperse. Capturing and relocating schools before they disperse increases the numbers captured and moved, but handling fish this small is difficult. The genetics of the fish must also be considered because schools are from a limited number of parents. However, moving small schooling bass does ensure even-age fingerlings.

When the fingerlings are about .75 inches long, they begin to move to the edges of the ponds where they are collected in "glass V" traps. This movement to the edge is probably a response to cannibalism on the part of the adults. Cannibalism among fingerlings also begins early because of the uneven age groups present. Fingerlings must be stocked quickly before significant losses occur.

With the availability of raceways at the Booker Fowler Hatchery, largemouth bass production will differ significantly from the above method. Adults (480 pairs) will be

moved from the maintenance ponds at Beechwood Fish Hatchery and Monroe Fish Hatchery and crowded into 8 raceways at Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery. Fish will be held in this crowded condition until the first week of April or when water temperatures reach 60°F. Thirty pairs of broodstock will be stocked in 16 raceways containing 30 Spawntex® nests. Each nest is 16 inches square. One hundred fifty gallons of surface water per minute will be pumped into each raceway.¹

Two year classes, Ages 1 and 2, of three different Florida largemouth bass strains will be used to ensure a degree of diversity of progeny. Genetic management is very important to avoid the possibility of stocking a lake with the offspring of only a few individuals.

All Florida largemouth bass broodstock have been electrophoretically certified as pure Florida largemouth bass. A Passive Injectible Transponder (PIT) tag has been injected into each brood fish. PIT tags are numbered and give each fish an identity. Strain, sex, length, and weight were recorded at the time of tagging and the assigned number remains with the fish throughout its useful life as a brooder.

Spawning usually begins 1-2 days after fish have been thinned out into the 16 raceways. Approximately 10 percent of spawning activity is expected the first week in April and 60 percent the second and third week. When spawning activity slows, fish will again be crowded for a few days. Raceways will be cleaned, fish fed and inspected, then redistributed among the 16 raceways. This second cycle should produce the remaining

¹John Cussigh, JC Aquaculture Consultants, Booker Fowler Program Completion Report, May 1993.

30 percent of the possible production. A third cycle is possible but usually not productive enough to warrant the cost.²

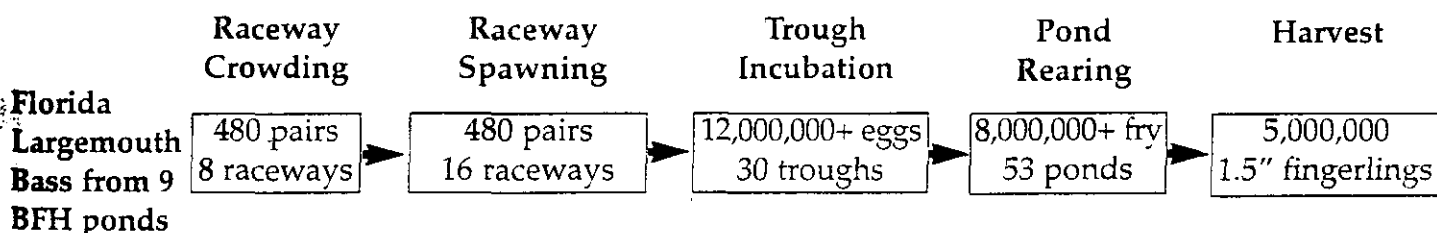
Nests with eggs will remain in the raceways for 24 hours and then be transferred to incubation troughs. Only eggs from the same general age (within 24 hours), will be placed in a single trough. Each trough can accommodate 20 nests.

Water velocity in each hatching trough is 10 g.p.m. Larvae hatch in 24-36 hours at a water temperature of 65°F and remain in the troughs until their yolk sacs are absorbed, usually 4-5 days.³ Numbers will then be estimated and stocked at a rate of 150,000

per pond. Seventy percent survival rate is expected. (Diagram 2).

Rearing pond preparation begins in February with drying, cleaning, and filling. Each pond will be fertilized with a predetermined amount of inorganic and/or organic fertilizer. When phytoplankton blooms are noted, inoculations of pure cultures of *Daphnia* sp. will be made to produce the desired zooplankton forage base for the fingerlings. *Daphnia* sp. and other mono-specific zooplankton cultures will be produced in the Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery quarter-acre ponds.

Diagram 2. Florida Largemouth Bass Production



CHANNEL CATFISH

Historically, spawning of blue and channel catfish was successfully accomplished by placing 30-gallon spawning containers, metal or plastic, into the adult catfish holding ponds. Male catfish would select a container, clean it out by "fanning" and attempt to attract a female. The containers were checked every other day for spawning activity. Located egg masses were taken back to the hatchery and placed into wire baskets suspended in paddle wheel troughs. The paddle wheels imitated the fanning done by the male. Larvae hatched and fell through the basket into the

trough. After hatching activity was completed larvae were removed, counted by volumetric displacement and stocked into fry rearing troughs. Fry remained in the rearing troughs until they began swimming near the surface and feeding began. The fry were fed commercial fry starter consisting of 38 percent protein for 2-3 more days, then stocked into rearing ponds at 100,000 per acre. The fingerlings (4-6 inches) were harvested in late October or early November.

Blue and channel catfish production will now differ significantly. Channel catfish

²John Cussigh, JC Aquaculture Consultants, Booker Fowler Program Completion Report, May 1993, and personal communication by Robert Gough with Jake Isaac, AE Woods Fish Hatchery, San Marcos, Texas.

³Personal communication by Robert Gough with Bill Bolin, AE Woods Fish Hatchery, San Marcos, Texas.

production at Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery will begin the first week in May. Seventy-eight pairs of 3-5 pound adult channel catfish will be moved from Beechwood to the Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery. The pairs will be placed into 8 x 8 enclosures within 6 raceways. Each enclosure is furnished with a 30-gallon spawning container. Male channel catfish are generally smaller than females but it is important to pair spawning individuals as close to the same size as possible because of the aggressiveness of the females. Each raceway will receive 125 g.p.m. of surface water.⁴

Channel catfish males clean out the spawning containers almost immediately and spawning usually commences within 48 hours, if pairing has been successful. Male catfish frequently spawn more than one female and successful males will be paired with an unspawned female. Observations will be made daily and successful spawns noted. Egg masses will be removed from the spawning containers the next day.

A female channel catfish can be expected to produce 3,000-4,000 eggs per pound of body weight dependent upon age

and body condition. The eggs are deposited in a gelatinous mass commonly referred to as the egg matrix. This gelatinous mass will be dissolved using an enzymatic process known as the "Rathbun Process." Freed eggs are placed into hatching jars at a rate of 30,000 eggs each.⁵

The 78 pairs of channel catfish can be expected to produce approximately 936,000 eggs which will require the utilization of 31 egg hatching jars for incubation. With an 80 percent hatch, approximately 749,000 fry will be divided and stocked into 8 troughs. The fry will remain in the troughs until they turn grayish-black in color and swim to the surface to feed, usually within 5 days.

The swim-up fry will be fed for 2 more days and then stocked into 7 properly fertilized and inoculated rearing ponds at the rate of 100,000 fry per pond. The fry will continue to be fed commercial fry feed 3-5 days each week until they graduate to pellets. Catfish pellets with 32 percent protein will be fed until harvest. In November, 711,000 channel catfish fingerlings, 4-6 inches in size, can be expected to be harvested. (Diagram 3)

BLUE CATFISH

Blue catfish production will begin the second week in April and closely resembles methods used with channel catfish except hormones are necessary. Females will be injected with 800 international units of Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (HCG) per pound of body weight and paired with an appropriately sized male.⁶ Ninety pairs of

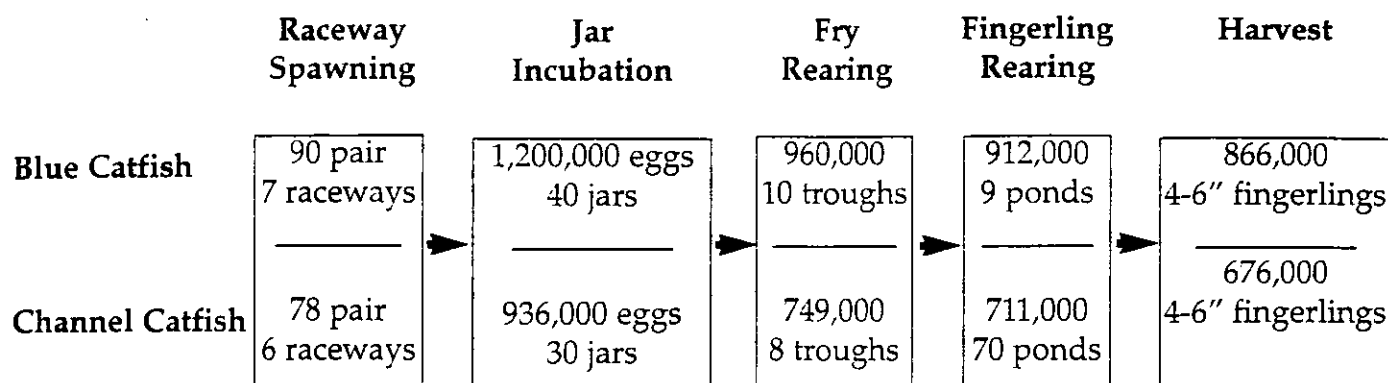
adults weighing 4-8 pounds will be selected and penned in 7 raceways. One million two hundred thousand (1.2 million) eggs should be produced and result in 960,000 fry or about 80 percent production. Approximately 912,000 fry can be expected to produce 866,000, 4-6 inch fingerlings in November-December. (Diagram 3)

⁴John Cussigh, JC Aquaculture Consultants, Booker Fowler Program Completion Report, May 1993.

⁵Ibid.

⁶Personal communication by Robert Gough with Karen Kilpatrick, Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery, Natchitoches, La.

Diagram 3. Channel and Blue Catfish Production



FLATHEAD CATFISH

Flathead catfish production will begin at the same time as channel catfish spawning (2nd - 3rd week in May). Twenty-three pair of adults will be selected, females injected interperitoneally with 10 cc of HCG and individually penned within 2 raceways. Spawning receptacles will be furnished for each pen just as with other catfish species. Twenty-four hours later, females will be injected intramuscularly with 0.5 cc of synthetic luteinizing-releasing hormone analog (LH-RHa).⁷

Spawning should begin within 48 hours after the second injection if compatible pairs have been selected. If fighting develops between the pairs, another male will be selected. Pairing efforts will continue until compatibility and/or successful spawning has been obtained.

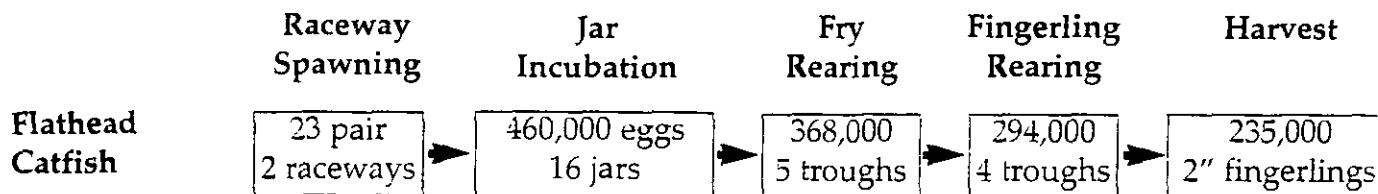
Eggs will be handled the same as other catfish and about 368,000 fry are expected. Larval flathead catfish absorb their yolk sack in 4-7 days and are ready to begin feeding.⁵ Flathead catfish rearing differs from the other

species because flatheads are extremely predacious and become cannibalistic if allowed to set up a territory. Research and production on an intensive culture of the flathead catfish indicates that trough culture is preferable to pond culture for rearing fry to 3 inch fingerlings. Crowding the hatchery troughs at a rate of 3 fish per cubic inch of water discourages territoriality and reduces cannibalism. When the fry are 14 days old, the water level will be raised 4 inches and the stocking density is reduced to 2 fry per cubic inch of water. Brine shrimp will be used as forage and fed at a rate of 1000 ml per hour per trough for 20 hours per day for 11 days. Feeding rates increase to 1500 ml per hour for 16 hours per day for an additional 17 days. Flathead fingerlings will be approaching 2 inches in length in about 38-40 days. Density will again will be adjusted to 1 fry per cubic inch of water. Approximately 235,000, 2 inch fingerlings can be expected to be harvested and stocked.⁸ (See Diagram 4)

⁷Charlie Biggar, *The Monroe Fish Hatcheries Method of Flathead Catfish Production*, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

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Diagram 4. Flathead Catfish Production



FORAGE PRODUCTION

Golden shiners, koi and bluegill will be produced as forage for the Florida large-mouth bass and catfish broodstock. Based on the number and weight of the broodstock currently on hand at the Beechwood Fish Hatchery, an estimated 18,200 pounds of available forage will be needed to provide sufficient growth and gametes for the 1997 year.

Future forage needs will depend on the number of individuals and total weight of the broodstock that will be held over for the next spawning year. Ideally Florida largemouth bass need 5.5-6.0 pounds of available forage annually per pound of body weight.⁹ Flathead catfish need approximately 10 pounds of available forage per pound of body weight.¹⁰

Channel catfish and blue catfish will be provided a diet of catfish food pellets that are supplied at a rate of 3 percent of body weight. Adjustments of the pellet feed amounts will be made in October following the spawning season and in March prior to the spawning season. In addition to the catfish pellets, 200 pounds of available forage will be stocked into each of the blue and channel catfish brood ponds.

Forage production will begin each year with the spawning of koi. Koi will be spawned

in troughs in the hatchery building at Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery. Production will begin in May when surface water temperatures near 70°F. Seven selected pairs of koi will be placed into 5 troughs that contain 12 inches of water and Spawntex® mats that are placed on the bottom and ends of each trough.¹¹

Flow rates through the troughs will be approximately 10 g.p.m. The water level will be held at this depth and temperature for 24 hours. After the 24 hour time period the water temperature will be decreased 5°F, and held at this temperature for 5 hours, then returned to 70°F. Spawning should begin immediately.

Mature koi females average about 120 eggs per gram of body weight.¹² By utilizing 35 females averaging 3 pounds, approximately 5 million plus eggs can be produced. After 24 hours of spawning, spent female koi will be removed and returned to the Beechwood maintenance ponds. Unspent females will be collected, placed into another trough, paired and the spawning process duplicated.

Hatching of eggs should result 72-96 hours after spawning. Sixty percent hatching success will yield 3 million fry for stocking into properly prepared fertilized rearing ponds at Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery.

⁹Personal communication by Robert Gough with Sammy Stokes, retired Hatchery Program Supervisor, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

¹⁰Third Report to the Fish Farmers, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

¹¹Personal communication by Robert Gough with Ted Englehart, AE Woods Fish Hatchery, San Marcos, Texas.

¹²Robert Stickney, Culture of Nonsalmonid Freshwater Fishes, 1986.

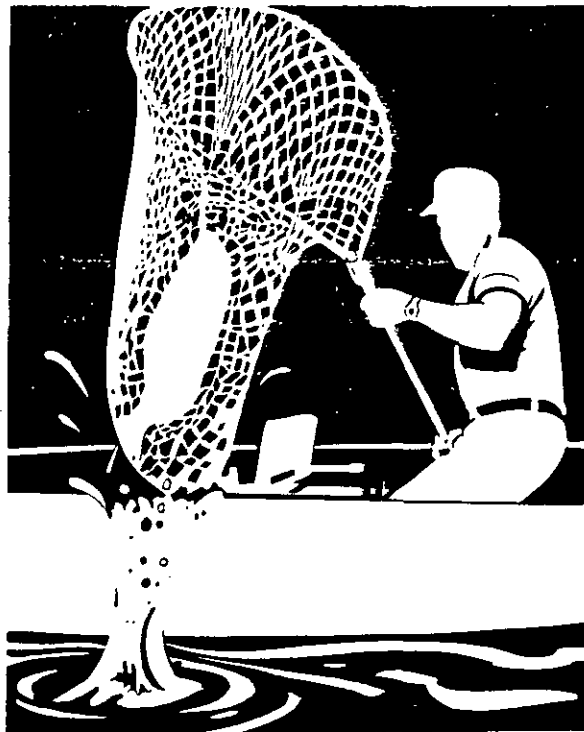
Koi fry will be stocked into 15 prepared one acre rearing ponds at a rate of 200,000 fry per acre. Supplemental feeding of trout starter meal will be provided to the Koi fry while in the rearing ponds. The koi fingerlings should be 2.5 inches in length at harvest time, 6-8 weeks later. Target production of koi fingerling for 1997 is projected at 900 pounds per acre; thus totaling 13,500 pounds of koi fingerlings for forage.

Golden shiners are another species that will be utilized for forage. They will be produced by similar methods except in ponds. When surface water temperatures reach 70°F, adult golden shiners will be stocked into 5 one-acre ponds at 20-40 pounds per acre. Spawntex® mats will be suspended just below the water surface on frames that will be positioned along the sides of each pond to serve as spawning substrate. Water levels will be raised 2-3 inches above the mats to trigger spawning. Hatched fry will be trapped or seined and stocked at 200,000 per acre into prepared rearing ponds. The fry transfer method provides uniform production and optimal use of all pond areas.¹³ Target production of golden shiners to be harvested

for forage is projected at 800 pounds per acre or 4,000 pounds.

Fingerling bluegill will also be produced as forage for the three species of catfishes. Natural spawning processes for bluegill production will be used, whereby 50 pair of adult bluegill per acre will be stocked into 6 one acre ponds the first week of May at the Beechwood Fish hatchery. The bluegill will be allowed to spawn naturally. Harvest will take place the following October. Targeted production is projected at 600 pounds of available bluegill forage per acre or a total of 3,600 pounds.

Currently, the projected target production of available forage (21,100 pounds) will provide a surplus over the projected forage needs (18,200 pounds) for 1997.



¹³Third Report to the Fish Farmers, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AND
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

Agreement No. 1448-0004-96-926

I. Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), made by and between the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior — hereinafter referred to as the "Service" — and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries — hereinafter referred to as the "State" — is hereby entered into under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, and amendments to these acts.

The government of the United States has expressed a national interest in maintaining fishery resources and has authorized the Service through the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act and other related legislation to provide assistance and cooperate with other federal agencies and the states in the restoration, maintenance, and development of fishery resources. The Service, through its *Action Plan for Fishery Resources and Aquatic Ecosystems*, seeks to foster strong cooperative efforts with the states and other federal agencies to restore and protect depleted, nationally significant interjurisdictional fishery resources, with particular emphasis on anadromous and other migratory species, as well as those listed or candidates for listing as federal endangered or threatened species. The Service has previously provided support to the State in assisting with artificial spawning and life history studies of paddlefish, sturgeon and striped bass.

Louisiana rivers are recognized as historically containing stocks of anadromous fishes, including striped bass and Gulf sturgeon. Stocks of striped bass have been recognized as being depleted since the 1960s. The Gulf sturgeon is listed as a federal threatened species. Louisiana reaches of the lower Mississippi River are also recognized as a focus area for efforts to restore the pallid sturgeon, a federal

endangered species. Other species of joint state-federal interest in Louisiana include the paddlefish, shovelnose sturgeon, blue sucker, and others.

The State has primary responsibility and authority for managing fishery resources within its boundaries and has an interest in continuing to stock hatchery-reared striped bass as a management tool in the restoration of this species, with particular emphasis on the Gulf race of striped bass. The State is also interested in development of culture techniques for sturgeon, paddlefish, and other species within Louisiana, with the possibility of supplemental stocking, consistent with multi-agency recovery plans with which the State is actively involved. However, the State hatchery system's primary purpose is to provide supplemental stocking to support recreational fisheries, which are composed of primarily resident (nonmigratory) species.

II. Purpose

It is the joint desire of both the State and the Service to enter into a cooperative program to restore self-sustaining stocks of striped bass in Louisiana waters through a combination of management measures, including stocking, collection of data, and assessment programs. The State and the Service are also jointly interested in the development of culture techniques and other management/restoration efforts for sturgeon and other interjurisdictional species with depleted populations in Louisiana.

III. Therefore, it is mutually agreed that:

1. The Service will provide, consistent with availability and other preexisting agreements, Gulf race striped bass fry or fingerlings for stocking in Louisiana waters suitable for development of Gulf race broodfish source(s).

2. The State will produce Gulf race broodfish in suitable waters for the purpose of producing Gulf race fry to be used in Gulf striped bass restoration stocking.

3. The Service will produce Phase I and Phase II striped bass in accordance with restoration objectives established by the Service, State, and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's *Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan* for specific rivers in Louisiana.

4. The State will annually program striped bass fry from its hatcheries for distribution to Federal hatcheries, particularly the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery in Louisiana. Final production figures will depend on annual production success.

5. The Service's Gulf Coast Fisheries Coordinator will serve as the coordination point for distributing striped bass fry for further rearing at Service hatcheries in Regions 2 and 4.

6. The Service will rear striped bass fingerlings for restoration stocking and provide hatchery truck(s) to transport the fish to release site(s), and appropriate supervision in handling the fish to minimize mortality.

7. The State will provide necessary personnel and equipment to capture striped bass broodfish.

8. The Service will provide support personnel and equipment to assist the State in capturing striped bass broodfish.

9. The State will provide necessary personnel and equipment to spawn striped bass broodfish.

10. The Service will provide support personnel and equipment to assist the State in spawning striped bass broodfish.

11. In exchange for striped bass fry the Service will provide facilities to develop culture techniques for sturgeon, paddlefish and other species in which the State and Service may have a joint interest. As appropriate and consistent with multiagency recovery plans, the Service will provide fingerlings of such species for restoration stocking in accordance with agreed upon production schedules.

12. The Service will work cooperatively with the State in monitoring populations of and/or conducting

other management activities to restore sturgeon, paddlefish, striped bass or other species in which the State and Service may have a joint interest.

13. News releases initiated by the State or Service on cooperative activities covered by this agreement will receive approval from the other party prior to release.

14. Nothing in this MOU shall be deemed to cede authority for the management of fishery resources from one agency to another.

15. The Service will provide a project coordinator (Gulf Coast Fisheries Coordinator) to provide liaison with the State for the purpose of this MOU. The State will provide a project coordinator (Administrator, Division of Inland Fisheries) to provide liaison with the Service for the purposes of the MOU.

16. The cooperators will meet annually to review and discuss production, stocking, and assessment efforts for the upcoming year.

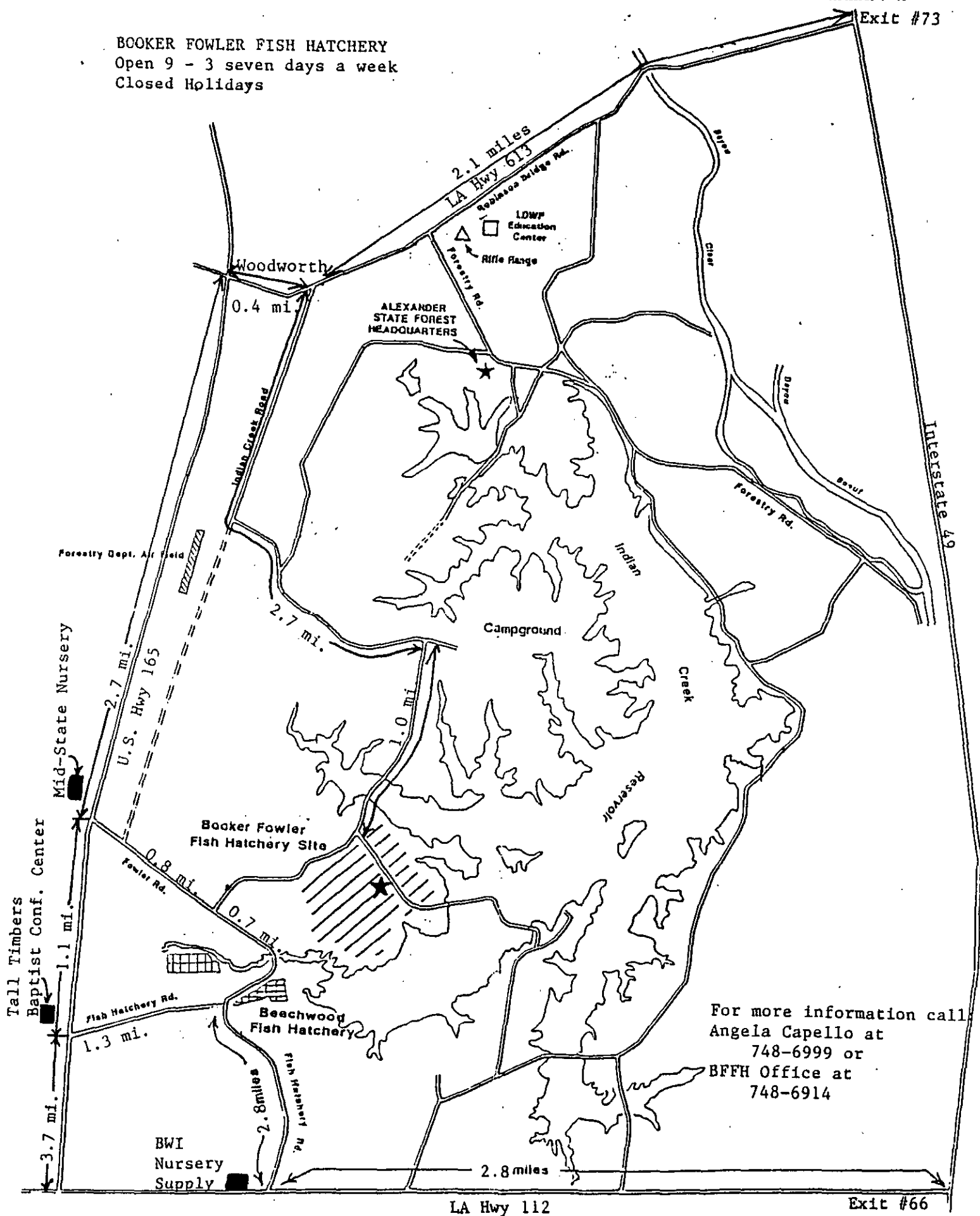
This MOU shall be contingent upon the availability of funds for the expenditures contemplated herein. The liability of the parties to this MOU, to each other, and to third persons shall be governed by applicable laws and regulations, now and hereafter in force.

The Equal Opportunity Clause, prescribed in 1-12.803-2 of the Federal Procurement Regulations is hereby incorporated into this MOU by reference and made a part thereof. No member of, or delegate to Congress, or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this MOU, or to any benefits that may arise therefrom.

This MOU will become effective upon the date subscribed by the last signatory and shall continue in force from year to year until canceled by either signatory party on 30 days written notice to the other party. The MOU may be amended by mutual consent of the two parties. The MOU signed on April 25, 1990 by the two parties to this MOU is hereby canceled and superseded.



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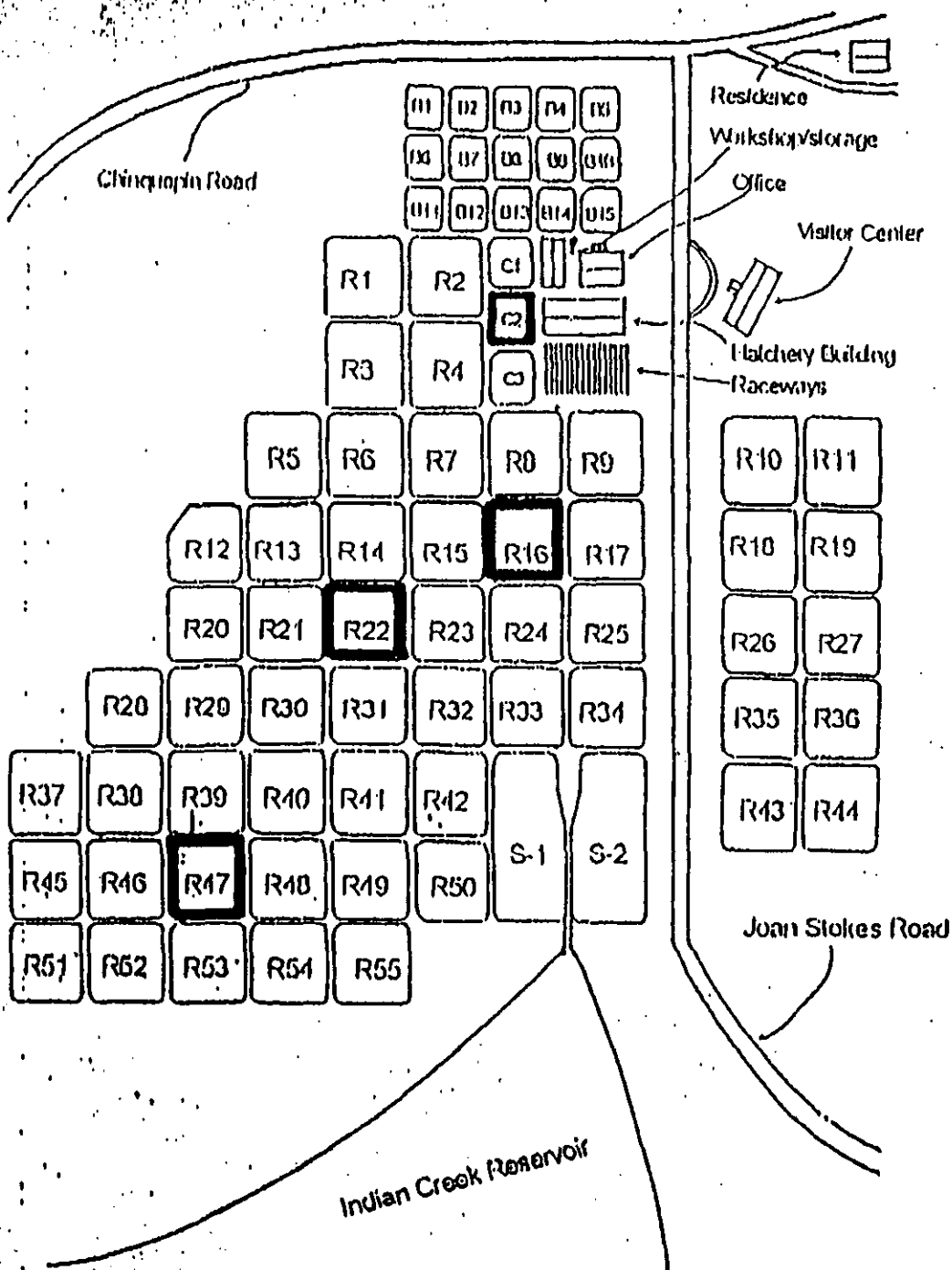
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Location of Ponds to be Tested



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT SALE GOODS	CREDIT FOR PAID	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	Percent Dollars Paid	Percent Cases Paid
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	21,039	(9,778)	29	4,855	2,545		
Aug., 1993	53	44,922	(1,137)	41	7,950	3,603		
Sept., 1993	42	137,635	(17,938)	35	6,783	3,048		
Oct., 1993	49	21,471	(11,282)	40	3,285	1,519		
Nov., 1993	57	31,207	(13,260)	32	3,053	2,845		
Dec., 1993	53	13,777		27	6,507	6,713		
Jan., 1994	38	18,918		32	4,423	2,831		
Feb., 1994	68	38,131	(8,238)	46	9,124	5,993		
Mar., 1994	38	22,739	(2,482)	51	10,654	6,796		
April, 1994	14	44,732	(1,404)	27	7,307	4,632		
May, 1994	10	4,504	(165)	7	5,447	3,808		
June, 1994	29	26,167	(2,986)	12	1,886	1,214		
Total FY 1994	476	425,242	(68,670)	379	71,474	45,547	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	2,127	(335)	23	2,101	1,437		
Aug., 1994	41	96,403	(3,035)	20	1,010	605		
Sept., 1994	34	14,614	(14,002)	26	2,596	2,342		
Oct., 1994	94	17,426	(8,677)	38	2,922	3,179		
Nov., 1994	43	103,592		45	3,992	2,803		
Dec., 1994	68	31,400		35	4,315	2,329		
Jan., 1995	55	27,601		52	7,493	4,921		
Feb., 1995	70	61,119		41	6,472	3,973		
Mar., 1995	31	25,072		44	8,315	4,737		
Apr., 1995	13	15,353		16	3,565	1,538		
May, 1995	23	11,632		16	4,315	654		
June 1995	45	31,008		18	2,630	1,025		
Total FY 1995	534	437,347	(26,049)	374	49,726	29,543	18.1%	70.0%
FISCAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	0						
Aug., 1995	46	17,425		27	9,028	1,729		
Sept., 1995	1	125		21	3,093	2,049		
Oct., 1995	122	206,244		29	2,720	1,161		
Nov., 1995	55	23,124		62	10,151	6,383		
Dec., 1995	50	18,607		32	4,781	2,803		
Jan., 1996	49	13,815	(15,296)	36	5,297	3,473		
Feb., 1996	50	14,717		38	5,778	3,417		
Mar., 1996	33	24,937		36	6,035	3,422		
Apr., 1996	30	11,007		36	7,173	2,712		
May, 1996	23	7,989		24	3,942	2,020		
June 1996	50	22,151		16	2,790	1,182		
Total FY 1996	509	360,141	(15,296)	357	60,787	30,350	25.3%	70.1%
FISCAL YEAR 1996-97								
July, 1996	40	71,894		32	5,250	2,948		
Aug., 1996	32	5,363		32	6,255	3,784		
Sept., 1996	41	7,210		29	2,260	1,327		
Oct., 1996	29	11,093		25	3,698	2,262		
Nov., 1996	20	10,009		22	1,625	698		
Dec., 1996	13	238,466		22	5,877	2,122		
Jan., 1997	27	11,755		17	4,393	2,377		
Feb., 1997	47	18,521		42	8,580	5,553		
Mar., 1997	26	13,434		27	5,000	2,758		
Apr., 1997	10	2,909		15	2,323	1,299		
May, 1997	20	11,683		15	5,199	1,399		
June 1997	5	8,037		10	2,335	765		
Total FY 1997	310	410,373	0	288	52,794	27,290	19.5%	92.9%
FISCAL YEAR 1997 - 98								
July, 1997	10	2,812		8	1,585	823		
Aug., 1997	14	8,741		8	1,496	779		
Sept., 1997	29	19,926		12	2,052	1,278		
Oct., 1997	12	4,717		23	3,165	2,064		
Nov., 1997	23	54,965		10	2,425	1,218		
Dec., 1997	25	36,881		15	4,377	2,776		
Jan., 1998	42	30,026		17	5,300	3,534		
Feb., 1998	37	31,165		29	22,962	8,501		
Mar., 1998	9	13,273		32	9,407	4,372		
Apr., 1998	10	5,628		10	2,603	1,280		
May, 1998	0	225		8	2,885	950		
June 1998	5	2,414		6	1,042	98		
Total FY 1998	216	210,774	0	178	59,317	27,673	41.3%	82.4%
FISCAL YEAR 1998 - 99								
July, 1998	9	1,390		8	1,964	717		
Aug., 1998	10	2,241		10	1,048	372		
Sept., 1998	8	2,769		11	2,000	1,148		
Oct., 1998	22	28,705		14	1,860	807		
Nov., 1998	19	9,138		11	1,766	1,092		
Dec., 1998	23	11,959		27	4,441	2,041		
Jan., 1999	41	21,180		18	6,622	3,838		
Feb., 1999	45	26,236		41	12,119	6,924		
Mar., 1999	15	7,550		33	8,282	4,138		
Apr., 1999	9	8,014		14	3,036	1,388		
May, 1999	5	5,161		5	906	405		
June 1999	7	3,719		13	3,011	534		
Total FY 1999	213	128,061	0	205	47,055	23,406	55.0%	96.2%

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 1-JUL-1999

CURRENT MONTH
06/01/1999 TO 06/30/1999FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/1998 TO 06/30/1999INCEPTION TO DATE
06/30/1999ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION

# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
7	\$3,719.01	213	\$127,110.97	3,806	\$2,596,768.46
0	\$0.00	31	\$925.00	181	\$4,675.00
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	331	\$269,865.45-
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	148	\$71,951.21

RESTITUTION ASSESSED

PAYMENTS	13	\$3,011.06-	184	\$47,843.87-	2,538	\$445,753.60-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	4	\$533.83-	151	\$23,195.76-	1,769	\$217,729.98-
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00	21	\$884.18	120	\$2,711.58
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00	7	\$837.54	45	\$8,197.87
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$18,449.45-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$10,601.49
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	18	\$78,254.09
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$36.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$35.00
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	13	\$10.22-
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00		
REASSESSMENTS	0	\$0.00	2	\$313.48	21	\$6,881.15
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	4	\$2,296.01-	58	\$36,391.47-
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	1	\$0.18-	208	\$138,113.82-
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	6	\$1,399.24-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$6,966.00-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00	4	\$45,609.46-	33	\$73,542.36-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00				
** TOTAL OUTSTANDING			1,054	\$1,567,595.42		

FOOTNOTE:

PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT
AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS

1	\$170.10	7	\$345.10	65	\$11,439.77
0	\$42.52	1	\$86.27	3	\$2,859.94
	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$3,202.60 *

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 1-JUL-1999

AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN		\$0.00	CAN NOT BE INVOICED CURRENT		
1 - 30 DAYS	0			6	\$1,214.30
31 - 60 DAYS	4	\$1,434.15	1 - 30 DAYS	3	\$2,441.88
61 - 90 DAYS	21	\$12,548.30		2	\$3,565.00
91 - 120 DAYS	8	\$3,454.89	31 - 90 DAYS	10	\$8,438.30
121 - 150 DAYS	14	\$18,615.75			
151 - 180 DAYS	3	\$4,333.50			
181 - 365 DAYS	4	\$5,904.05	91 - 180 DAYS	27	\$14,469.47
OVER ONE YEAR	71	\$82,348.32	181 - 365 DAYS	20	\$26,430.48
OVER TWO YEARS	145	\$111,632.13	CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION	108	\$506,328.49
OVER THREE YEARS	121	\$91,934.55	OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
	363	\$292,121.10	OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	878	\$1,004,709.50
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** TOTAL AGING	754	\$624,326.74	** TOTAL AGING	1,054	\$1,567,597.42

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 1-JUL-1999

CURRENT MONTH 06/01/1999 TO 06/30/1999 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1998 TO 06/30/1999 INCEPTION TO DATE 06/30/1999

	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	1,305	\$66,000.00	9,590	\$486,000.00	73,583	\$3,741,197.07
HEARING COSTS	275	\$6,900.00	1,670	\$41,751.00	16,204	\$405,351.00
DEBITS	6	\$250.00-	8	\$800.00-	8	\$4,725.00-
CREDITS		=====		=====		=====

TOTAL DUE		\$72,650.00		\$526,951.00		\$4,141,823.07
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PAID IN FULL	847	\$43,828.20-	5,915	\$313,356.51-	40,379	\$2,092,757.07-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	15	\$725.00-	103	\$4,891.40-	1,141	\$51,728.37-
OVERPAYMENTS	11	\$354.00	59	\$3,804.75	779	\$24,189.34
REFUNDS	4	\$175.00	36	\$1,350.00	143	\$7,279.31
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00	4	\$200.00	57	\$3,050.00
MISC CHANGES						
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	4	\$80.00	57	\$965.00
CREDITS	1	\$0.80-	10	\$7.84-	166	\$154.43-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION						
DEBITS	3	\$150.00	6	\$300.00	116	\$6,900.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	14	\$800.00-
VOIDS	182	\$8,400.00-	754	\$31,700.00-	4,046	\$172,125.73-
NOT GUILTY	55	\$2,800.00-	95	\$4,000.00-	643	\$32,075.00-
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TOTAL OUTSTANDING						\$1,834,566.12
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AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES
FROM CITATION DATEAGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES
FROM HEARING DATE

	CURRENT	PRE HEARING	OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)
1 - 30 DAYS	516	0 - 90 DAYS	1,641	\$83,965.00	
31 - 90 DAYS	762	91 - 180 DAYS	2,423	\$122,600.00	
91 - 180 DAYS	763	181 - 270 DAYS	703	\$47,175.00	
181 - 365 DAYS	647	271 - 365 DAYS	1,485	\$84,040.00	
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	1,406		0	\$0.00	
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0		0	\$0.00	
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	25,135		22,977	\$1,496,836.12	

SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

JULY-99	RULE - 1999-2000 Hunting Season Dates
	RULE - General & WMA Hunting Rules & Regulations
SEPT-99	RULE - Deer Management Assistance Program
	RULE - Isles Dernieres Barrier Islands Refuge
OCT-99	RULE - Black Bass Regulations, Lake Fausse Point/ Lake Dauterive Complex
NOV-99	RULE - Black Bass Regulations, Spanish Lake
	RULE - 2000 Wild Turkey Season

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr.
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CONTACT
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HUNTING REGULATIONS COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Hunting Regulations Committee of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will meet Thursday, July 8, 1999, in the fourth floor conference room of the Wildlife and Fisheries building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, La. The meeting, scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., will be to discuss the DMAP proposed rule, 1999-2000 hunting season dates, and the season dates for migratory birds.

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AGENDA SET FOR JULY COMMISSION MEETING

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday, July 8, 1999 at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and will take place in the Louisiana Room at Department of Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters, 2000 Quail Dr., Baton Rouge.

The agenda follows:

1. Roll call
2. Approval of minutes of June 3, 1999
3. Donation for murals at the Waddill Outdoor Education Center by the Coastal Conservation Association and the National Wild Turkey Federation
4. Rule — Hunting and Wildlife Management Area rules and regulations
5. Rule — 1999-2000 hunting season dates and bag limits
6. Notice of intent — 2000 turkey season
7. Public comments — Deer Management Assistance Program
8. Tentative 1999-2000 migratory bird (teal, dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinules) hunting season dates
9. Resolution and declaration of emergency — set 1999 alligator season
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12. Enforcement and Aviation reports/June
13. 1999 legislation report

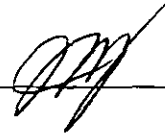
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14. Division reports
 - a. Inland fisheries 1999 fish hatchery production report
 - b. Youth Hunter Education Challenge report
 - c. Fishing week report
15. Set November 1999 meeting date
16. Public comments
17. Adjournment.

June 30, 1999

APPROVED: _____

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HUNTING REGULATIONS COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Hunting Regulations Committee of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will meet on Thursday, July 8, 1999, in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA. The meeting, scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM, will be to discuss the DMAP proposed rule, 1999-2000 hunting season dates and the season dates for migratory birds.

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M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

June 30, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: Hunting Regulations Committee (Tom Gattle, Bill Busbice,
Glynn Carver & Jerald Hanchey)

FROM: Susan Hawkins *Susan Hawkins*

SUBJECT: Committee Meeting

Committee Chairman Tom Gattle has called a meeting of the Hunting Regulations Committee for 9:00 AM, Thursday, July 8, 1999 in the Fourth Floor Conference Room. Items to be discussed will include DMAP proposed rule, 1999-2000 hunting season dates and the season dates for migratory birds (dove).

Please let me know if you will be unable to attend. Thank you.

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cc: Danny Babin
Tom Kelly
Norman McCall
James Jenkins, Jr.
Phil Bowman
Winton Vidrine
Tommy Prickett
Don Puckett

To Susan
Date 6/30/99 Time 11:50 ☐ AM ☐ PM

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M Tom Wattle

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Message

*Hunting Reg Comm. 9AM
Thurs. to discuss DMAP -
+ Season dates + doves

Cathy



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MISSION MEETING

d meeting has been scheduled by
Thursday, July 8, 1999, at the
00 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

June 3, 1999

the Waddill Outdoor Education
Association

Life Management Area Rules &

Season Dates and Bag Limits

2000 Turkey Season

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June 28, 1999

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
SUBJECT: July Commission Meeting Agenda

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OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

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9. Resolution and Declaration of Emergency - Set 1999
Alligator Season

OFFICE OF FISHERIES

10. Notice of Intent - Black Bass Regulations, Spanish Lake

11. Modification of Reciprocal Recreational Fishing License
Agreement between the State of Texas and the State of Louisiana

WINTON VIDRINE

12. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/June

13. 1999 Legislation Report

DIVISION REPORTS

14. a. Inland Fisheries 1999 Fish Hatchery Production
Report

b. Youth Hunter Education Challenge Report

c. Fishing Week Report

15. Set November 1999 Meeting Date

16. Public Comments

JHJ:sch

cc: Jim Patton
Phil Bowman
John Roussel
Craig Lamendola
Don Puckett
Dennis Kropog
Catherine Blades
Division Chiefs

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8. Resolution Authorizing the Secretary to Amend Regulations as Required by New Legislation

changed by Tommy P. 6/28/99

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C O V E R



FAX

S H E E T

To: Bill Busbice

Fax #: 318-837-1423

Subject: Commission Agenda

Date: June 25, 1999

Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please review the attached LONG agenda and let me know if it is okay. Thank you.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

La. Dept. Of Wildlife & Fisheries
P. O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

225-765-2806
Fax: 225-765-0948

, 1999

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Ratify Hunting and Wildlife Management Area Regulations- Prickett

Ratify 1999-00 Resident Seasons and Bag Limits- Prickett

Notice of Intent Turkey Seasons 2000- Olinde

~~Tentative 1999-2000 migratory Bird (Teal, Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules)~~

~~Notice of Intent Webless Migratory Birds and Special Teal Seasons 1999-00- Prickett~~

Resolution to

Authorization to Amend Regulations to incorporate New Laws- Prickett

Hunting Season
Dates

~~NOI + Public Comment + DMAP + Res - Prickett~~

DMAP: Resolution Amending Current NOI;
New NOI - Prickett

Hawkins, Susan

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 1999 4:11 PM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Greeson, Cathy; Hawkins, Susan
Subject: July Commission agenda

At this time, Marine Fisheries has no July Commission agenda items.

We may have a red snapper item before it is all over.

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June 2, 1999

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-Office of Wildlife,
Assistant Secretary-Office of Fisheries and Confidential
Assistant

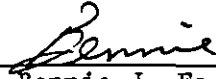
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - July 8, 1999

Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to Susan Hawkins by Thursday, June 17th any agenda items your office may have for the Thursday, July 8th Commission Meeting to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive. This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on July 8th. If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo and indicate so on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

Resolutions and Notices of Intent should be included with the list of items to be placed on the agenda. Thank you for your cooperation! Inland Fisheries Division items for the agenda for the July Commission Meeting.

JHJ/sch Notice of Intent - Black Bass Size Regulations, Spanish Lake,
cc: Commissioners Iberia Parish
Don Puckett Modification of Reciprocal Recreational Fishing License
Winton Vidrine Agreement between the State of Texas
Tommy Prickett and the state of Louisiana
-Bennie Fontenot Division Report - Inland Fisheries Division 1999
Karen Foote Fish Hatchery Production Report.
Wynnette Kees
Lyle Soniat
Brandt Savoie
Catherine Blades


Bennie J. Fontenot, Jr., Administrator

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-Office of Wildlife,
Assistant Secretary-Office of Fisheries and Confidential
Assistant

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*Resolution and
Declaration of Emergency to set 1999
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Division Reports:

① Youth Hunter Ed Challenge
Report - Bud Carpenter

② Check presentation Waddell
mural ~~MT Wild Turkey Fed.~~
Lyle Soniat ECA.

③ Fishing Week Report
Wayne Hester

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Hawkins, Susan

From: Burke, Marianne
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 1999 1:48 PM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Cc: Soniat, Lyle
Subject: July Agenda

Susan,

We would like to add an item to the July Commission meeting agenda. The Coastal Conservation Association will present a check to Vincent Darby and LDWF for the second mural at the Waddill Outdoor Education Center.

If you need more info., let me know.

Thank you.

Marianne

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